

2011 Crew Test Results and Correct Responses

The following scores were made on the crew test taken this fall. The correct responses and rule references are also provided for your benefit as you review your own individual test.

96	85	82	77	74	71	69	64	58	52	37
95	85	82	77	74	71	69	64	58	52	32
93	85	81	76	74	71	69	64	57	50	
91	85	80	76	74	71	69	64	57	49	
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90	85	79	76	73	71	67	63	57	48	
89	84	79	76	73	70	67	63	56	47	
89	84	79	76	73	70	67	61	55	46	
88	83	79	76	73	70	65	61	54	45	
87	83	78	75	72	70	65	61	54	44	
86	83	78	75	72	70	65	60	54	42	
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- A B *Mandatory equipment for each player shall include:
- A.) Helmet and face mask which met the NOCSAE test at the time of manufacture.
 - B.) Unaltered hip pads and tailbone protector.
 - C.) Tooth and mouth protector that is completely white.
 - D.) Shoes

Correct Answer: A, B, & D **Rule 1-5-1** clearly lists those mandatory items and the tooth and mouth protector cannot be completely white.

- T F *A coach's headset may be used by the QB during any authorized conference.
- False - Rule 1-6-2** limits the use of the headset by a player to the sideline conference.

- A B *A period is extended by an untimed down if during the last timed down of the period:**
- C D**
- A.) There is a double foul.**
 - B.) There is an inadvertent whistle.**
 - C.) Any foul by either team is accepted.**
 - D.) An accepted foul results in a safety.**

Correct Answer: A & B Rule 3-3-3 and 3-3-4 list those situations that call for an untimed down or not. An accepted loss-of-down foul does not extend the period.

- T F *A legal scrimmage kick may be made from a formation that is not a scrimmage kick formation.**

True - Rule 2-14-2 and 2-24-4 does not indicate that a scrimmage kick must be made from a scrimmage kick formation. Rule 6-2-1 also applies. The numbering exception does require a scrimmage kick formation though.

- A B *Following a scrimmage down that ends between the goal lines, a new series will be awarded:**
- C D**
- A.) If A's quick kick on 3rd down goes out of bounds behind the neutral zone.**
 - B.) If the ball is in B's possession at the end of the down.**
 - C.) If a legal scrimmage kick is 1st touched by R beyond the neutral zone.**
 - D.) If a legal scrimmage kick is untouched and comes to rest.**

Correct Answer: A, B, C, & D Rule 5-1-3-b, e, & f lists each of these answers.

- T F *An option pitch from behind the neutral zone that goes forward, is muffed, and hits the ground remains alive and is treated as a fumble.**

False - Rule 4-2-2-c indicates a dead ball on any incomplete forward pass.

- A B *On 4th and 20 from the 50 yard line, A32 runs to B's 40 where he is grabbed in bounds by the back shoulder pad collar and pulled to the ground clearly out of bounds.**
- C D**
- A.) A horse collar tackle foul now includes an automatic first down.**
 - B.) 1st and 10 for A at B's 25.**
 - C.) A horse collar tackle foul is enforced as a live-ball foul.**
 - D.) 1st and 10 for B at B's 25.**

Correct Answer: B & C Rule 9-4-3-k describes the horse-collar tackle and the penalty which is now a live-ball enforcement but not an automatic first down.

T F *During the 1st offensive series of an overtime period, if B intercepts a forward pass and returns it to A's end zone, the game is over.

False - Overtime information found on page 87 near the bottom of the page indicates that the ball is dead immediately when B gains possession in OT.

A B *A captain may request that the ball be placed anywhere between the hash marks on which of the following:

- C D**
- A.) Following a touchback.**
 - B.) Following a fair catch.**
 - C.) Following a free kick that goes out of bounds and taken at the 35.**
 - D.) To begin an overtime series.**

Correct Answer: A, B, & D Rule 4-3-6 clearly covers this question. Rule 6-1-8 penalty indicates that the free kick out of bounds must be placed at the hash mark.

T F *A chop block is legal in the free-blocking zone if the low block clearly precedes the high block.

False - Rule 9-3-6 is quite clear about a chop block.

A B *R25 returns a punt to the 50 yard line. R25 is about to be tackled and attempts to hand the ball forward to R20. R20 muffs the ball and it rolls forward and out of bounds at K's 45.

- C D**
- A.) 1st and 10 for R at their own 45.**
 - B.) 1st and 10 for R at K's 45.**
 - C.) A muffed handoff is treated as a fumble.**
 - D.) Blow the whistle if the muffed forward handoff hits the ground.**

Correct Answer: B & C Rule 2-19-1 clearly indicates that the unsuccessful attempt of a forward handoff (muff) is treated as a fumble and rule 7-4-3 indicates the fumble that goes out of bounds belongs to the fumbling team. Also check 4-3-1.

T F *Any offensive player on the end of his line of scrimmage may legally shift regardless of his jersey number.

True - Rule 7-1-7-c limits only those lineman who are between the snapper and the end person on the line.

- A B *2nd and 10 from the 50 yard line - QB A5 retreats from heavy pressure and passes forward where A76 catches the pass at A's 47 and runs to B's 35 where**
C D he is downed.
- A.) 3rd and 13 from A's 47.**
 - B.) Ball becomes dead when A76 catches the pass.**
 - C.) Result of the play is a legal advance by A76.**
 - D.) 3rd and 18 from A's 42.**

Correct Answer: C & D Rule 7-5-13 addresses the illegal touching by A76. There is clearly a flag for the illegal touching although A76 may still advance the ball as it does remain a live ball until he is down by rule. Team B would surely accept the penalty for illegal touching. Because of the possible confusion with the wording of answer C, no crew was penalized no matter how they answered C.

- T F *Any pass (legal or illegal) by A becomes dead if it hits the ground uncaught by any player.**

False - Any pass would include forward and backward passes and rule 7-4-2 indicates that that a grounded backward pass remains live in the field of play.

- A B *4th and 10 from K's 4 yard line - A high snap to the potential punter K15 causes him to jump for the ball. As K15 prepared to jump, his back foot steps**
C D on the end line and he catches the snap while in the air and returns to the ground with both feet in the end zone and punts the ball.
- A.) The ball is dead immediately.**
 - B.) R may catch and return this punt.**
 - C.) K15 is guilty of illegal participation.**
 - D.) Safety - score 2 points for R.**

Correct Answer: B, C, & D Rule 9-6-1 indicates that a member of K cannot go out of bounds and return to participate legally. The punter did return to the ground in bounds which causes the ball to remain alive so the punt is live and may be returned by R. The illegal participation foul would result in a safety if accepted by team R (8-5-2-c).

- T F *Tripping the player with the ball is legal.**

True - Rule 9-3-7 and 2-45 indicates that tripping the runner is not illegal.

- A B *A25 runs for a touchdown. During the run, B23 pulls an offensive blocker down by the facemask . A25 crosses the goal line and then spikes the football.**
- C D**
- A.) The face mask foul may be enforced on the subsequent kickoff.**
 - B.) The unsportsmanlike conduct foul may be enforced on the try.**
 - C.) The face mask foul may carry over to an overtime period.**
 - D.) The unsportsmanlike conduct foul may carry over to an overtime period.**

Correct Answer: A & B Rule 8-2-2 and 8-2-4 addresses this play as each of these fouls may be enforced on the try or the subsequent kickoff. If there is no subsequent kickoff (last play of 4th period), the only enforcement option is on the try.

- T F *A holding foul by Team A prior to an inadvertent whistle may be enforced and the inadvertent whistle is ignored.**

True - Rule 4-2-3-d clearly addresses this very situation.

- A B *Which of the following examples of batting is a legal play:**
- A.) A fumble in flight is batted forward by Team A.**
 - C D B.) A backward pass in flight is batted by Team B.**
 - C.) A Team K player bats a scrimmage kick in flight toward his own goal line when no R player is in position to catch the kick.**
 - D.) An eligible offensive receiver bats a forward pass forward.**

Correct Answer: A, B, C, & D Rule 9-7-2 and 9-7-3 allows for each of these.

- T F *The 1st foul during the game for unintentional contact with an official in the restricted area while the ball is live is a 5 yard penalty.**

False - The penalty for rule 9-4-8 calls for a 15 yard penalty for this foul.

- A B *If the clock was stopped, it should start on the snap if:**
- A.) The clock stopped for an injured player.**
 - C D B.) The clock stopped for an incomplete illegal forward pass.**
 - C.) Team K is awarded a new series following a legal kick.**
 - D.) The clock stopped for a Team B dead ball foul.**

Correct Answer: B & C Rule 3-4-3 deals with starting the clock on the snap. The clock will start on the ready if it only stopped for an injury or only stopped for a foul following the play that the clock otherwise would have continued to run.

T F *An illegal fair-catch signal is any signal by Team R after the kick has touched the ground.

False - Rule 2-9-4 and 2-9-5 cover this. This description is an invalid signal.

A B *On 3rd and 7 from A's 33 yard line, QB A7 completes a legal forward pass to A89 and A7 is roughed on the play. A89 is hit and fumbles at the 50 and B21 C D recovers the fumble at B's 45.

A.) 1st and 10 for A at B's 35.

B.) 1st and 10 for A at A's 48.

C.) 1st and 10 for A at B's 30.

D.) Roughing the passer includes an automatic first down.

Correct Answer: B & D The penalty for rule 9-4-4 indicates that due to the change of possession during the play, the roughing penalty is enforced from the previous spot plus the automatic first down.

T F *The QB may legally spike the ball to stop the clock by throwing the ball forward to the ground immediately following a direct snap from the shotgun formation.

False - The rule 7-5-2-e exception calls for a direct hand-to-hand snap only.

A B *4th and 7 from K's own 17 - K is in a scrimmage kick formation with K12 in position to receive the snap. A poor snap bounces back to K12 and due to a C D heavy rush, K12 bats the ball at his 4 yard line to prevent R from a recovery. The batted ball strikes the pylon at K's goal line and is recovered by R in K's end zone.

A.) The result of the play is a safety.

B.) 1st and goal for R at K's 2 yard line.

C.) The ball becomes dead when it strikes the pylon.

D.) Touchdown for R.

Correct Answer: A & C Rule 9-7-2 creates an illegal batting foul in this play and K is responsible for the ball going into his own end zone and the ball becomes dead when it strikes the pylon as it is out of bounds and in the end zone by rule (1-2-4). R does have the option of accepting the batting foul, but the down would be replayed (no loss-of-down).

T F *A player is considered to be a passer only if he throws a legal forward pass.

True - Rule 2-32-11 defines a passer.

- A B *2nd and 8 from A's own 5 yard line - QB A5 turns and pitches the ball backward to A25 who muffs the ball. A5 is able to recover the ball at his own**
- C D 3 yard line and his own momentum takes him into his end zone where he is tackled.**
- A.) A's ball 3rd and 10 from their own 3.**
 - B.) Safety - score 2 points for B.**
 - C.) Momentum exception does not apply in this play.**
 - D.) Momentum exception does apply if A5 catches the muff in flight.**

Correct Answer: B & C Rule 8-5-2-a explains that the momentum exception only applies when a defensive player gains possession of their opponent's loose ball inside his own 5. The exception does not apply to this play and team A is responsible for the ball being in their own end zone resulting in the safety.

- T F *If Team A fumbles forward and out of bounds on a 4th down, the ball is returned to the spot of the fumble and the down counts.**

False - Rule 7-4-3 addresses a fumble that goes out of bounds. It simply belongs to the fumbling team at that spot with no exceptions.

- A B *3rd and 10 from B's 20 yard line with 9 seconds remaining in the 4th period. A trails by 2 points with no time outs remaining. QB A17 scrambles to find an**
- C D open receiver and then begins to run to B's 13 yard line where he throws a backward pass out of bounds at B's 15.**
- A.) Legal play and the clock stops.**
 - B.) 4th and 8 for A at B's 18 yard line.**
 - C.) Any player may throw a backward pass out of bounds.**
 - D.) 4th and 5 from B's 15 yard line.**

Correct Answer: A, C, & D Rule 7-4-3 addresses a backward pass that goes out of bounds. It belongs to the passing team at that spot. The down would count and the clock would stop as a result of a live ball going out of bounds.

- T F *A second scrimmage kick during a down is a legal play.**

True - Rule 6-2-1 describes a legal, scrimmage kick and does not prevent a second kick during the down although this would clearly be a most unlikely play.

- A B *Each of these major fouls include a 15-yard penalty if accepted:**
- A.) Twisting or pulling on an opponent's face mask.**
 - B.) Spearing a ball carrier with the helmet.**
 - C.) Offensive guard blocks a blitzing linebacker in the back.**
 - D.) Roughing the snapper on a successful field goal.**

Correct Answer: A, B, & D The penalties following rule 9-4 confirm the correct distances. Rule 9-3-5 addresses the block in the back (10 yard foul).

- T F *A fair catch signal is not required to have a kick-catch interference foul.**

True - Rule 6-5-6 addresses kick-catch interference.

- A B *During the 1st series of overtime, Team K kicks a successful field goal and their holder is roughed.**

- C D**
- A.) Any roughing foul includes an automatic first down.**
 - B.) Team K may keep the 3 points and penalize Team R at the succeeding spot.**
 - C.) 1st and 10 from the 25 to start R's series.**
 - D.) Team K may accept an automatic 1st down and take the 3 points off of the board.**

Correct Answer: A, B, & D Rule 9-4-5 and 8-4-3 indicates the fouls and options for this play. Remember that the goal line is always the line to gain in overtime.

- T F *A player must maintain possession of the ball when he returns to the ground to complete a catch.**

True - The definition in 2-4-1 supports this statement.

- A B *A player is protected from being roughed (roughing the passer) when:**

- C D**
- A.) He throws the forward pass from beyond the neutral zone.**
 - B.) He throws a backward pass from behind the neutral zone.**
 - C.) He throws a forward pass that is completed behind the neutral zone.**
 - D.) He throws a second forward pass from behind the neutral zone.**

Correct answer: C Rule 2-32-11 and 9-4-4 require a legal, forward pass for roughing to apply.

- T F *The 3-minute warm-up period following the half-time intermission is mandatory, but may be shortened if both head coaches agree.**

False - The 3-1 table addresses the warm-up period. A full warm-up is mandatory.

- A B *On 3rd and 7 from B's 15 yard line, Team A lines up in a scrimmage kick formation with a holder and potential kicker A2. Holder A8 receives the snap
- C D with one knee on the ground and pitches the ball backward to A2 with his knee still on the ground. A2 catches the backward pass and advances into B's end zone.
- A.) Touchdown for A2.
 - B.) The play is blown dead immediately following the backward pass.
 - C.) Only a backward pass is legal with the holder's knee on the ground.
 - D.) 4th down for A from the spot where A8 pitched the ball.

Correct Answer: B & D Rule 4-2-2-a allows the holder to do several things other than hold only if he rises from his knee on the ground. The ball becomes dead at that spot if he does not rise and does anything besides hold the ball for the kick.

- T F *The same team may not request successive charged time-outs during the same dead-ball period.

False - Rule 3-5-4 clearly does allow for successive charges time-outs.

- A B *An official's time-out is taken following the down:
- C D
- A.) When a foul occurs.
 - B.) When a 1st down is earned.
 - C.) When an injury occurs.
 - D.) For a measurement of a possible 1st down.

Correct Answer: A, B, C, & D Rule 3-5-7 and 3-5-10 does include all of these.

- A B *3rd and 5 from A's 40 yard line - Wide out A89 goes in motion from a spot behind the line of scrimmage. QB A7 is in a shotgun formation 4 yards behind
- C D the snapper. He receives the snap and places the ball on the ground where A89 comes across, picks up the ball and advances to B's 25.
- A.) Legal play.
 - B.) Live ball foul.
 - C.) 1st down for A at B's 25.
 - D.) 3rd and 14 for A at A's 31.

Correct Answer: A & C Rule 7-2-8 does not allow the planned loose ball play if a lineman is involved.

T F *The foul for a snap to begin a play prior to the 'ready for play' signal is delay of game.

True - Rule 4-1-6 and 3-6-2-e support this statement.

A B *4th and 8 at B's 28 yard line - Eligible receiver A82 blocks B45 in the right flat and breaks to that same sideline. QB A5 throws down the left sideline to

C D A24 who catches the pass in the end zone for a touchdown.

A.) Legal play - touchdown for Team A.

B.) Pass interference cannot occur away from the direction of the pass.

C.) Offensive pass interference against A82.

D.) 1st and 10 for B at their own 43 yard line.

Correct Answer: C & D Rule 7-5-10 and 7-5-11 addresses pass interference and offensive pass interference can in fact occur away from the direction of the pass. An eligible receiver who blocks an opponent and continues in a pass route is guilty of interference if the pass crosses the neutral zone. Also remember the loss-of-down.

T F *K's kick try for point is blocked behind the neutral zone. Holder K5 may recover the kick and advance into the end zone for 2 points.

False - Rule 4-2-2-i indicates that the try is immediately dead if the kick is blocked.

A B *4th and 10 from their own 20 when K8 punts and his kick is partially blocked and goes straight up high into the air. R43 signals for a fair catch at

C D K's 15 yard line and does make the catch.

A.) The ball becomes dead.

B.) R may free kick for 3 points.

C.) R may not advance the ball following the catch.

D.) A free kick is allowed following a successful fair catch.

Correct Answer: A, C, & D Rule 2-9-1 and 4-2-2-g and 2-24-4 each impact this play. The kick was caught behind the neutral zone following the fair catch signal. It is not a fair catch by rule, but the play is dead as a result of the signal.

T F *Team K may bat a grounded scrimmage kick toward his own goal line.

True - Rule 9-7-2 does allow this batting.

- A B *A free kick becomes dead:**
- A.) If it breaks the plane of R's goal line.**
 - C D B.) Team R makes a fair catch.**
 - C.) Team K recovers the kick.**
 - D.) Team R muffs the kick.**

Correct Answer: A, B, & C Rule 4-2-2-d, f, and g support this question.

- T F *The snapper does receive roughing protection when his QB is in the shotgun formation 5 yards behind the snapper.**

False - Rule 9-4-6 requires a scrimmage kick formation for a roughing foul.

- A B *A loose-ball play includes action during:**
- A.) A fumble made by A beyond the neutral zone.**
 - C D B.) An illegal kick by A beyond the neutral zone.**
 - C.) A run which precedes a legal forward pass.**
 - D.) A run which precedes a legal scrimmage kick.**

Correct Answer: C & D Rule 2-33-1 and 10-3-1 supports this question.

- T F *The only team time-outs that carry over are unused overtime time-outs that carry over to the next overtime period.**

False - Rule 3-5-1 indicates that all charges time-outs now must be used or they are lost.

- A B *K3 free kicks to start the 2nd half by kicking a high kick from the right hash mark across the field and down to R's 35 yard line. No player from R is in**
- C D position to field the kick when K25 caught the kick at the 35 yard line.**
- A.) Ball becomes dead at R's 35.**
 - B.) R's ball 1st and 10 at the 50.**
 - C.) K is allowed to advance because R was not in position to field the kick.**
 - D.) Kick-catch interference foul against K.**

Correct Answer: A & D Rule 6-1-5 and 6-5-6 does not allow K to touch any free kick before it touches R or it touches the ground.

- T F *The foul for an ineligible receiver downfield includes a loss of down.**

False - The penalty for 7-5-12 does not include the loss of down although we always get asked that question.

- A B *The following blocks are legal if executed inside the free-blocking zone while it does exist:**
- C D**
- A.) Offensive guard clips the nose guard who was lined up directly across from the snapper.**
 - B.) Nose guard who is lined up directly across from the snapper clips the offensive tackle as he pass blocks.**
 - C.) The offensive guard blocks the nose guard above the waist and the snapper blocks the nose guard at the knees.**
 - D.) The offensive guard and the snapper both block the nose guard at the knees.**

Correct Answer: A & D Rule 2-17-3 and 9-3-6 describe the legal methods for these blocks. Only an offensive player may clip his opponent if all other requirements are met.

- T F *Pass interference cannot occur clearly away from the direction of a forward pass.**

False - Rule 7-5-11 indicates that defensive interference only cannot occur away from the direction of the pass.

- A B *Unsportsmanlike conduct fouls include each of the following:**
- C D**
- A.) Horse collar tackle.**
 - B.) Inappropriate language directed at an opponent.**
 - C.) Spiking the ball following a touchdown.**
 - D.) A dead-ball late hit out of bounds.**

Correct Answer: B & C Rule 9-5-1 and 9-5-2 indicate that fouls that involve personal contact would be personal fouls while unsportsmanlike fouls do not.

- T F *Illegal touching of a forward pass downfield beyond the expanded neutral zone is penalized from the spot of the foul plus a loss of down.**

False - The penalty for rule 7-5-13 calls for a previous spot penalty.

- A B *Following a successful field goal, K6 kicks off to R. During the kick, R85 blocks K15 in the back at R's 30 before R24 catches the kick at his 10 and**
- C D runs out to the 50.**
- A.) PSK foul enforced at R's 10.**
 - B.) 1st and 10 for R at their own 5.**
 - C.) K will re-kick from the 50.**
 - D.) PSK does not apply to this play.**

Correct Answer: C & D Rule 2-24-5 defines the kickoff following a successful field goal as a free kick. PSK simply does not exist during a free kick (2-16-2-h). Rule 10-4-2-b indicates that the previous spot is the basic spot for a foul during a loose ball play such as a free kick (10-3-1).

- A B *On 4th and 5 at the 50, Team K punts. During the kick, R25 blocks his opponent below the waist at R's 18 and R80 then catches the punt at his own**
- C D 10 and returns the ball out to the 50 where K40 pulls him to the ground by the face mask.**
- A.) Double foul - down must be replayed.**
 - B.) R may keep the football by declining the face mask foul.**
 - C.) 1st down for R at their own 9.**
 - D.) 1st down for R at their own 5.**

Correct Answer: B & D Rule 2-16-2-5 defines a post scrimmage kick foul and rule 10-2-3 describes the situation in which both team foul during a play that did involve a change of possession. In this play R may keep the football by declining K's face mask foul. Remember that the basic spot for R's foul (PSK) is the end of the kick (10-4-3).