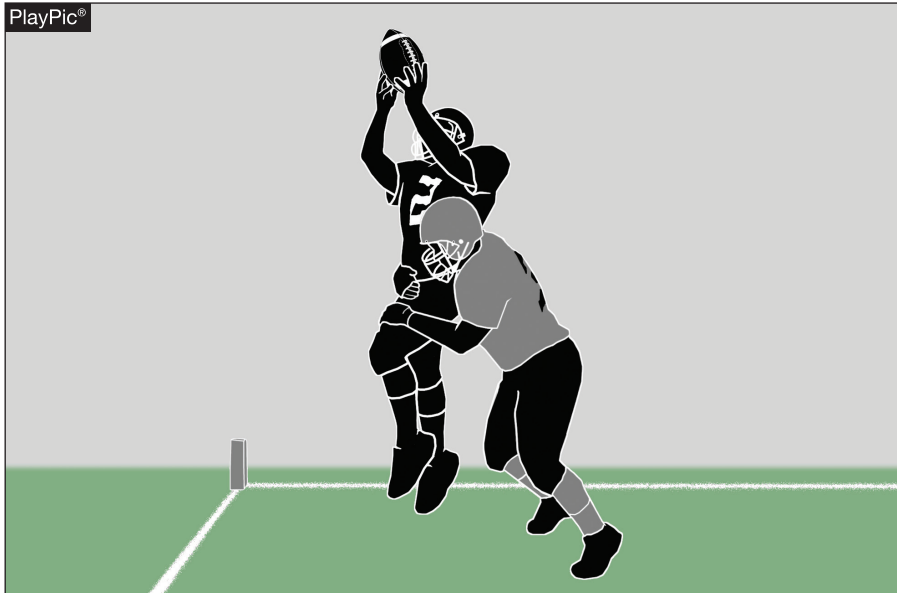


# OFFICIALS QUIZ 2015

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An airborne receiver has a firm grasp of the ball when he is contacted near the sideline by an opponent. The receiver's next contact with the ground is out of bounds. Catch or incomplete? See question 5.

In each of the following you are given a situation and at least two possible answers. You are to decide which answer or answers are correct for NFHS and NCAA rules, which might vary. Note: In kicking situations, K is the kicking team, R the receiving team. Solutions: p. 81.

1. Fourth and 12 at team A's 18 yardline. K1 punts and R2 gives a valid fair catch signal at team K's 40 yardline. R2 does not touch the ball, which strikes the ground at team K's 44 yardline. At team K's 46 yardline, R2 blocks K3 in the back above the waist in an attempt to get to the ball. R4 recovers the ball at team K's 48 yardline.

- The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from the previous spot.
- The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from team K's 46 yardline.
- The penalty for R2's foul is enforced from team K's 48 yardline.

2. The penalty for R2's foul in question 1 is:

- Five yards.
- Ten yards.
- Fifteen yards.

3. Midway through the first quarter, team A has the ball, second and nine at its own 21 yardline. Runner A1 advances to team A's 28 yardline and fumbles. The ball bounces high into the air. B2 leaps, grabs the ball while he is airborne and returns to the ground touching the sideline at team A's 30 yardline. As a result:

- It's first and 10 for team B at team A's 30 yardline.
- It's first and 10 for team A from its 30 yardline.
- It's third and two for team A at its 28 yardline.
- The game clock starts on the snap.
- The game clock starts on the ready.

4. Third and seven at team A's 23 yardline. A1's forward pass is intended for eligible A2 at team A's 35 yardline. B3 is flagged for defensive pass interference. Despite the interference,

A2 makes the catch and carries the ball across team B's goalline.

- The penalty is declined by rule.
- First and 10 for team A at its own 38 yardline.
- Team A may choose to have the penalty enforced on either the try or the kickoff.

5. Second and seven at team B's 32 yardline. Eligible receiver A1 is airborne over the end zone and near the sideline when he receives and has firm control of a legal forward pass. B2 contacts A1 and carries A1 over the sideline so that A1 first touches out of bounds. At no time does A1 lose control of the ball.

- Complete pass.
- Incomplete pass.
- Pass interference on B2.

6. Fourth and 10 at team R's 25 yardline. Team K's field goal attempt is blocked. The ball does not cross the neutral zone. K1 recovers the ball at team R's 30 yardline, advances and is downed at team R's 12 yardline. The next down will be:

- First and 10 for team K from team R's 12 yardline.
- First and 10 for team R from its own 12 yardline.
- First and 10 for team R from its own 25 yardline.
- First and 10 for team R from its own 30 yardline.

7. First and 10 at team A's 30 yardline. A1 catches a legal forward pass and advances to team B's 35 yardline, where he is downed. While the pass was in flight, linebacker B2 grasped and twisted the facemask of guard A3.

- The penalty is enforced from the end of the run. That yields first and 10 for team A at team B's 20 yardline.
- Because the penalty would be enforced from the previous spot, team A will likely decline the penalty. That yields first and 10 for team A from team B's 35 yardline.

8. Second and 20 at team A's 20 yardline. A1 drops back to pass. B2

holds eligible receiver A3 at team A's 35 yardline. With no receiver open, A1 is downed at his own 10 yardline. The next play will be:

- a. First and 10 for team A from its own 30 yardline.
- b. Second and 10 for team A from its own 30 yardline.
- c. First and 10 for team A from its own 25 yardline.
- d. Second and 20 for team A from its own 20 yardline.

9. Fourth and 10 at team K's 20 yardline. K1's punt is in flight and R2 is in position to catch the kick at team K's 45 yardline. K3 is close to R2 but does not make contact. R2 must step around K3 to make the catch. R2 is downed at team K's 43 yardline.

- a. No problem.
- b. Kick-catching interference only if R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.
- c. Kick-catching interference whether or not R2 gave a valid fair catch signal.
- d. After the penalty is enforced, team R will have the option to free kick.

10. K1's punt strikes the ground at team R's one yardline and bounces so that it breaks the plane of the goalline. Before the ball hits the ground, K2 bats the ball back into the field of play. The ball rolls out of bounds at team R's two yardline. During the kick, R3 holds at team R's 25 yardline.

- a. The ball was dead when K2 batted it.
- b. The ball was still live when K2 batted it.
- c. The penalty is enforced from team R's goalline.
- d. The penalty is enforced from team R's 20 yardline.

11. On a try from team R's three yardline, team R has 12 players on the field at the snap. The kick fails. After the ball is dead, K2 commits a personal foul.

- a. The penalties cancel. Play resumes with team K's free kick.
- b. Both penalties are enforced and the try is replayed from team R's 16-1/2 yardline.
- c. Only the penalty for team R's foul is enforced.
- d. Only the penalty for K2's foul is enforced.

12. Team A's ball, third and goal at team B's three yardline. A1 fumbles at team B's two yardline and the ball rolls

into the end zone. B2 recovers the ball in the end zone and tries to advance, but is tackled with the nose of the football in the field of play and the back of the ball still in the end zone. During B2's run, B3 clipped A4 at team B's six yardline.

- a. Safety; team A scores two points.
- b. After enforcement it will be team B's ball, first and 10 from its own 10 yardline.
- c. After enforcement it will be team B's ball, first and 10 from its own three yardline.

13. Just after K1's punt is airborne and untouched by team R, K2 blocks R3. The contact causes R3 to knock K1 to the ground.

- a. No problem.
- b. R3 has fouled if K2's block was legal.
- c. R3 and K2 have fouled if K2's block was illegal.
- d. R3 has fouled under any circumstances.

14. Second and 25 for team A from its 20 yardline. A1 throws a legal forward pass toward A2 at team A's 28 yardline. As A2 reaches for the pass, B3 interferes. The pass falls incomplete. After the play, A2 slugs B3.

- a. The penalties cancel; the down is replayed.
- b. It will be team A's ball, second and 25 from its 20 yardline.
- c. It will be team A's ball, first and 10 from its 20 yardline.
- d. It will be team A's ball, first and 10 from its 14 yardline.
- e. A2 is ejected.

15. K1's punt is caught by R2 at his own one yardline. R2 runs to his four yardline, where he is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls into team R's end zone, where K3 and R4 simultaneously recover.

- a. Team K scores a touchdown.
- b. Team K scores a safety.
- c. It's a touchback; team R will start a new series at its own 20 yardline.

16. First and 20 at team A's 20 yardline. A1's legal forward pass is intercepted by B2 at team A's 45 yardline. B2 is tackled inbounds at team A's 10 yardline. While A1's pass was in the air, B3 was flagged for defensive pass interference at team A's 40 yardline. Team A accepts the penalty.

a. It will be team A's ball, first and five at its own 35 yardline.

- b. It will be team A's ball, first and 10 at its own 35 yardline.
- c. It will be team A's ball, first and 10 at its own 40 yardline.
- d. The clock starts on the ready.
- e. The clock starts on the snap.

17. On second down late in the game, A1 muffs the hand-to-hand snap, which rolls up his arm. A1 gains control of the ball, then immediately throws it to the ground.

- a. No problem.
- b. Illegal forward pass.

18. Fourth and 10 from team K's three yardline. The snap bounces back to punter K1, who recovers the ball on one hop. K1 starts to run, comes to a sudden stop and gets off a punt. R2 doesn't touch the ball and tackles K1 while K1's kicking foot is still in the air.

- a. Legal play because it wasn't reasonably certain K1 would kick.
- b. Roughing the kicker, a 15-yard penalty.
- c. Running into the kicker, a five-yard penalty.
- d. No foul if K1 was outside the tackle box when he kicked the ball.
- e. Foul regardless if K1 was outside the tackle box when he kicked the ball.

19. Fourth and 12 on team K's 10 yardline. K1's punt lands on team K's 45 yardline and bounces high into the air. After the ball strikes the ground, R2 gives a fair-catch signal and recovers the ball while on his knee at team K's 40 yardline.

- a. There is no foul.
- b. R2's fair-catch signal results in a foul.
- c. Had R2 not been on his knee when he recovered the ball, he could have advanced.
- d. The ball is dead when R2 recovers it.

20. Which of the following are legal methods of tackling a runner?

- a. A cross-body block at the knees from the front.
- b. A trip using the leg or foot.
- c. A cross-body block at the knees from behind and below the waist.
- d. Grabbing the runner's jersey where it is tucked into the runner's pants and pulling.
- e. All of the above.

**QUIZ ANSWERS**

**1 – Both – c** (NFHS 10-4-3; NCAA 10-2-3)

**2 – Both – c** (NFHS 6-5-1, 9-3-3; NCAA 6-5-4)

**3 – NFHS – b, d** (2-36-1, 3-4-3a, 4-3-1); **NCAA – c, e** (2-4-3g, 3-3-2e-2, 7-2-4b-1)

**4 – NFHS – c** (8-2-2); **NCAA – a** (7-3-8, 7-3-9, 10-2-5a-2)

**5 – Both – a** (NFHS 2-4-1; NCAA 2-4-3)

**6 – Both – a** (NFHS 6-2-3; NCAA 6-3-1a)

**7 – NFHS – b** (10-3-1b, 10-4-2b); **NCAA – a** (10-2-2d-3)

**8 – NFHS – d** (NFHS 10-3-2, 10-4-4); **NCAA – b** (10-2-2d-1)

**9 – NFHS – c, d** (6-5-6b, 6.5.6 D); **NCAA – b** (6-4-1)

**10 – NFHS – a, d** (NFHS 4-2-2d-1, 6-3-1a, 10-4-5d); **NCAA – b, d** (6-3-2, 6-4-11, AR 6-3-11 l)

**11 – Both – b** (NFHS 10-2-6; NCAA 10-1-6)

**12 – Both – c** (NFHS 5-3-4, 8-5-3c, 10-4-5d, 5.3.4 B, 8.5.1 E; NCAA 8-6-1a, 10-2-2d-a, AR 8-5-1 VII)

**13 – Both – a** (NFHS 9-4-5d; NCAA 9-1-16a-5)

**14 – NFHS – b, e** (7-5-7 Penalty, 9-4-3j Penalty, 10-2-1a); **NCAA – d, e** (7-3-8c Penalty, 9-1-2a Penalty, 10-1-6)

**15 – Both – b** (NFHS 2-36-2, 8-5-2b; NCAA 2-3-4, 8-5-1a)

**16 – NFHS – a, d** (3-4-2b-3, 7-5-10 Penalty); **NCAA – b, d** (3-2-4e-1, 7-3-8c Penalty)

**17 – NFHS – b** (7-5-2e Exc.); **NCAA – a** (7-3-2f)

**18 – NFHS – a** (9-5-4a); **NCAA – a, d** (9-1-16a, 9-1-16a-4, AR 9-1-16 VII)

**19 – NFHS – b, d** (4-2-2g, 6-5-7); **NCAA – a, d** (4-1-3g)

**20 – Both – e** (NFHS 2-42, 2-45, 9-4-3k; NCAA 2-26, 2-28, 9-1-2c, 9-1-2p, 9-1-2e, 9-3-2b)