

May 2016 Study Guide

Okay, lets get to April 2016 Study Guide answers. Some of you had concerns about my math on question 7 but I ran it by several smarter guys and they all checked it out. Even ran it by George Demetriou, editor of the Reddings Guide, and he concurred. April 2016 answers:

1. D. The kick went out of bounds untouched by R. The apparent touch by R70 is ignored as it was forced. Multiple options exist.
2. B Referee
3. C Remember this is a fifteen (15) yard penalty
4. E C and D are true. Complex play. Obviously A and B false.
5. A True
6. B K is guilty of free kick out of bounds untouched by R. The kick is out of bounds because it touched a player out of bounds.
7. A Many emailed to complain about this one. I initially was concerned about my math but double checked it. Reddings editor George Demetriou confirmed the math and agreed that A is the only FALSE answer.
8. A True. The ball has touched the ground.
9. A True. This is a fifteen yard penalty.
10. A True.

OPINION PLAY:

96.4% had this as a touchback. 0.001% had a penalty on the play and A ball at the B two yard line. ?? Penalty?? Rest had safety. This play is directly from Reddings 2015 NFHS Guide, page 131, example 8. Here, Mr. Demetriou has this play as a SAFETY and it caught my attention. My thinking this was a touchback- forced touching, etc. After several emails he has changed his answer but not due to forced touching. Obviously the initial force of the fumble by A has been spent. Applying the rules of physics, not football, the action that took the ball into the end zone was the action by B91. But, according to rules of football, a new force CANNOT come from a block. This would still be a touchback even if B91 had blocked his on player into the ball. Review 8-5-1 on force creation. Blocks are not mentioned.

New questions:

11. Under NFHS rules a face mask is mandatory equipment.

- A. True
- B. False

12. Which of the following are legal equipment:

- A. Knee braces worn over the pants
- B. Tinted eye shields
- C. Eye shades with John 3:16 written in the middle
- D. Sun glasses
- E. Play cards worn on the belt

13. Defensive back B15 and receiver A7 both simultaneously catch a legal forward pass at the back of the end zone. B15 lands on the end line and A7 lands in the end zone. Both maintain possession falling to the ground. This is an incomplete pass.

- A. True
- B. False

14. Team A breaks the huddle and is in formation when it is observed two running backs both have number 24. This does not become a foul until a legal snap and the down is in progress.

- A. True
- B. False

15. Team A head coach may use an I- pad in a team conference outside the nine yard markers.

- A. True
- B. False

16. Which statement is FALSE concerning the free blocking zone:

- A. An offensive lineman must be on the line of scrimmage at the snap and in the free blocking zone to be eligible to block below the waist.
- B. In order for a block below the waist to be legal both the blocker and the player being blocked must be on the line of scrimmage and both the players and the ball be in the free blocking zone.
- C. Wing back A12 goes in motion and is in the free blocking zone at the snap. Quarterback A10 is under center. Immediately at the snap A12 blocks B67 who is on the line of scrimmage and in the free blocking zone in the back.

This is legal.

17. R25 muffs a free kick at the R10 yard line. R25 picks up the ball at the R1 yard line and momentum takes him into the end zone where he is tackled by K65.
 - A. This is a safety.
 - B. This is a touchback and R ball at R20 yard line
 - C. It is Team R ball at the R1.

18. A24 fumbles while advancing towards B goal line at the B4. The ball rolls into the end zone. B43 picks up the ball and attempts to advance but is downed. The ball never left the end zone. During B43 attempted advance B78 blocks A24 in the back at B6 yard line. The penalty is accepted.
 - A. This play results in a safety.
 - B. First and ten for Team B at the B3 yard line
 - C. First and ten for Team B at the B 10 yard line

19. The game is tied in the fourth quarter with three seconds left. The clock is stopped due to a runner going out of bounds on the previous play. A13 passes into the end zone where B6 intercepts and immediately goes to the ground. Time expires during the down. After the play is over A13 swings at and misses B6. Which statement is FALSE:
 - A. If Team B accepts the penalty they will snap the ball at the B20 for an untimed down.
 - B. Regulation time is over and there will be overtime regardless of the acceptance of the penalty.
 - C. A13 is ejected.
 - D. The overtime period will begin with a fifteen yard penalty against Team A.

20. B45 enters the field during the down but does not participate. This is enforced from the succeeding spot.
 - A. True
 - B. False

21. During a goal line stand B45 is replaced by B79 but leaves the field out the end line. The crew should allow the snap and play continue and enforce from the succeeding spot.

- A. True
- B. False

22. Defensive back B21 intercepts near the sideline. Receiver A86, the intended target, then inadvertently steps out of bounds just prior to making the tackle and downing B21. This is illegal participation.

- A. True
- B. False

23. A12, under pressure, breaks from the pocket and throws a backward pass to stop the clock. This is intentional grounding.

- A. True
- B. False

24. The snapper can be an eligible receiver.

- A. True
- B. False

25. Team A is illegally in motion at the snap on second down. A12 completes a pass to A88 who then fumbles near the sideline. There is an inadvertent whistle after the fumble while the ball is loose with B recovering the fumble after the whistle. Regardless of acceptance or declining of the penalty Team A will next snap the ball.

- A. True
- B. False

OPINION PLAY: George Demetriou will be our arbiter on this play as he was in April. Email your answer to me: belindaandrick@gmail.com

A24 is a slot receiver and is flanked by A89 who is on the line of scrimmage. A24 is set after the huddle is broken and satisfied all inside nine yard marker requirements prior to ready for play. He then steps forward to the line of scrimmage, sets and pauses for several seconds. His next action is to go in motion towards his tackle A75 remaining on the line of scrimmage at the snap. Legal or illegal motion?