

April 2017 Study Guide (Part I)

Welcome to the 2017 season! This is the first of six study guides designed to bring our knowledge at least consistent with our winter waist lines. This guide concentrates on the kicking game- we start every game there.

ITEMS FOR CREW DISCUSSION:

A. **MECHANICS CHALLENGE:** On kickoffs and eventually most punts every player on the field is moving. Moving contact requires good mechanics to officiate.

RESPONSE: Review free kick, scrimmage kick mechanics.

B. **RULES CHALLENGE:** Scrimmage kicks allow for numbering exclusion in key positions on certain downs.

RESPONSE: Review numbering exclusion as it pertains to EACH down a scrimmage kick- both punt and field goal can occur on. Review which scrimmage kick formations allow numbering exclusions for specific downs. This is not simple rule!

ABBREVIATIONS USED ON THIS GUIDE:

PSK- post-scrimmage kick enforcement

EZ- en zone

DOWN AND DISTANCE- For example if Team has the ball third and seven yards to go to conserve space the down and distance will be indicated by 3/7.

1. K punts from R36 yard line. The ball bounces at R2 and while airborne over the EZ beyond the goal line R47 bats the ball back to the R3 yard line where it is downed by K86. Which statement is **TRUE:**

A. R ball for a new series at the R3 yard line

B. R ball for a new series at the R2 yard line

C. R ball for a new series at the R20 yard line

D. Illegal batting by R47. This results in a safety as the foul occurred in the EZ.

2. Team K ball 4/12 from the K7 yard line. With K in punt formation the punter K19 fumbles the snap, recovers and roles out. While still in the EZ

and about to be downed K19 throws an incomplete forward pass judged by the Referee to be intentional grounding. Which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. Team B must take the results of the play, which is a safety, receive two points and the ball by a free kick administered from K20 yard line.
- B. Team B may decline the penalty and start a new series from the K7 yard line.

3. K ball 4/7 from K9 yard line. K in punt formation. Snap goes over punter K17's head and is on the ground in the EZ when K17 kicks the ball out of the EZ over the end line. At the snap, R55 pulls right guard K67 to the ground by the face mask. Which outcome of this play is **FALSE**:

- A. There are offsetting penalties on this play.
- B. K17 is guilty of an illegal kick in the end zone
- C. R cannot be the next to snap the ball
- D. R may decline the illegal kick penalty and next snap the ball for a new series from the K24 yard line.

4. Team K free kicks near the end of the third quarter. R88 catches the ball at the R5 yard line and advances. There is an inadvertent whistle blown during the advance by R88 when he is at the R11. Which statement is **FALSE**:

- A. The only option Team R has is to take the ball for a new series at the R11.
- B. If a foul occurred during the play and was accepted the inadvertent whistle would be ignored.
- C. Team R may replay the down.
- D. If time expired during the kick the next play is an untimed down and part of the third quarter.

5. Team K punts. The ball lands at the R34 yard line and while bouncing is touched by K90 at the R30 yard line. While still rolling R21 picks up the loose ball and returns to the K42 yard line where he fumbles. The ball is recovered by K44. Which statement is **FALSE**:

- A. R cannot be next to snap the ball
- B. R may claim the spot of first touching by K and start a new series from that yard line
- C. If R had been guilty of a block in the back during the return they would not be able to claim the spot of first touching.

D. First touching cannot be forced by R blocking K into the ball.

6. Team K punts on fourth down with the clock running prior to the snap. K23 is the snapper. K16 fakes the kick and then throws a forward pass towards K88 who is interfered with by R56. The pass is incomplete. A flag for pass interference is thrown. Officials correctly flag K23 for being fifteen yards downfield. Due to the haste of K getting the kick off with the wind, the count was not completed on Team K until after the play where it is discovered K participated with 12 players. Which statement is **FALSE**:

- A. Team R is guilty of pass interference
- B. Team K is guilty of ineligible downfield and illegal participation
- C. There are offsetting penalties on the play
- D. The clock will start on the ready for play for the next play.

7. After a safety Team A will kick from their 20 yard line to Team B. Using a punt for the free kick Team A is prohibited by rule from performing an onside kick.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Team K punts. While the kick is in flight, time expires for the second quarter. R38 returns the kick ten yards before being downed. After the play K76 provides us with a late hit. R38 swings and hits K76 in retaliation. Which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. There are offsetting penalties. The down must be replayed as an untimed down as part of the second quarter.
- B. R38 is ejected.
- C. The quarter is over and the penalties will be assessed at the start of the third quarter.
- D. If time had not expired during the flight of the kick both penalties would still have been assessed.

9. After a score Team A attempts a try. The airborne kick bounces off the back of offensive lineman A63 who was pushed into the backfield at the five yard line and goes thru the uprights. The kick is good.

- A. True

B. False

10. K's punts from the K20 yard line is high but short. R10 runs up to be in position to catch the punt at the K35. K39 running downfield looking up at the ball inadvertently contacts R10 at the K37. Which statement is **FALSE**:
- A. This is kick catch interference. R may accept an awarded fair catch at the K 37 with a fifteen yard penalty assessed from the spot of the awarded fair catch and begin a new series at the K12 yard line.
 - B. Team R may elect a scoring free kick after an awarded fair catch at the K37.
 - C. Correct GHSA mechanics on an scoring free kick attempt would have the Umpire on the goal line positioned on the chains side.
 - D. This is not kick catch interference as the contact was inadvertent.
 - E. Contact does not have to occur to have kick catch interference.
11. The game is in overtime. Team K attempts a field goal on 4/5 from R10 yard line that is partially blocked and rolling at the R3 yard line. K50 is nearing the ball to down it and is blocked in the back by R68 at the R5. A flag is thrown. R34 picks up the loose ball and is tackled at the R3. Which statement is **FALSE**:
- A. PSK enforcement does not apply in GHSA overtime.
 - B. The next play will be a snap by Team K from the R5 yard line.
 - C. Officials must assess the block in the back, if accepted, as a loose ball play from the previous spot.
 - D. The next play will be a new series by Team R after enforcement for the block in the back. Team K's overtime possession is completed with the ball crossing the neutral zone.
12. Team K punts from K30 yard line on 4/17. R43 charges immediately into the snapper before the snapper can adjust to participate in the play. There is a fair catch by R43 at mid-field. Which statement is **FALSE**:

- A. After enforcement it will be 4/2 for Team K from the K45.
 - B. After enforcement it will be 1/10 for Team K from the K45.
 - C. The clock will start on the snap for the next play.
13. Team K punts from the K20 on 4/20. R54 roughs the kicker. The punt is returned to the K35 by R10 where there is a late hit by K67. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. Offsetting penalties. The down must be replayed.
 - B. Both penalties will be enforced in order of their occurrence. K will next snap the ball on fourth down from the K10.
 - C. Both penalties will be enforced in the order of their occurrence. Team K will next snap the ball on 1/10 from the K20.
 - D. Both penalties will be enforced. K will next snap the ball 1/25.
14. R23 muffs the opening kickoff at the R10. The ball is rolling towards the EZ near the R2. Seeing the ball is about to be recovered by K, R23 kicks the ball out of the EZ. R23 is flagged for an illegal kick. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. Following enforcement R will put the ball in play 1/10 from the R10 yard line.
 - B. Following enforcement R will put the ball in play 1/10 from the R1 yard line.
 - C. K declines the penalty. A safety is awarded since R23 applied a new force in kicking the ball thru the EZ.
 - D. If K accepts the penalty Team K will re-kick from the R45.
15. Team K punts on 4/8 from the K 40 yard line. R13 is contacted at the R25 yard line by K36 as he is moving towards making a catch. R13 continues his attempt to catch the punt but muffs the ball at the R28 yard line with the muff being recovered by R at the R35. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. If R accepts the penalty they may take the ball 1/10 at the R40.
 - B. If R accepts the penalty they may take the ball 1/10 from the R43.

- C. If R accepts the penalty they may elect to take the ball 1/10 from mid-field.
 - D. If R declines the penalty they must take the ball at the R28 where the ball was muffed.
16. Team K punts on a free kick following a safety. The kick is high and Short, landing untouched at the K35 yard line. The ball bounds backwards hitting a K player at the K28 before being recovered by K at the K 25 yard line. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. R may elect to take the ball at the spot of first touching by K at the K28.
 - B. R may elect to take the ball at the spot of Team K recovery- the K 25.
 - C. It will be Team K's ball at the K25.
 - D. Both A and B are true.
17. Team K attempts a field goal on 4/6 from the R22 yard line. The kick is partially blocked at the line of scrimmage by R landing at the R10 and rolls towards the pylon. Both K88 and R56 are attempting to reach the loose ball. R56 clearly pushes K88 in the back forcing K88 into the ball at the R2. The ball continues into the EZ hitting the pylon. Which statement is **TRUE**:
- A. R56 has committed a foul for illegal contact in the back
 - B. K88 has committed first touching
 - C. The play results in a touchback
 - D. It will be K's ball 1/10 from the R12 yard line after enforcement of the illegal contact by R56.
 - E. Both A and D are true.
18. Team A scores and is attempting a try. The holder has one knee on the ground. With one knee on the ground, after receiving the snap, he flips the ball forward to a wing back going in motion. This is legal.
- A. True
 - B. False
19. Team A is in spread formation, 3/20 from the A17. The snap sails over the quarterback's head, A12, who picks up the ball and kicks it forward. Of the following scenarios which is **FALSE**:
- A. The kick is completed with the ball bouncing out of bounds at the A15. It is now 1/10 for Team B from the A15.

- B. The kick is partially blocked and rolls to the A11 where it is picked up by A77 who runs to the A15. It is now 4/2 or Team A.
- C. The kick is partially blocked and is simultaneously recovered by A77 and B65 at the A15. The ball belongs to Team A for a fourth down from the A15.

20. Concerning free kicks which statement is **TRUE**:

- A. A free kick ends when it is touched beyond the neutral zone.
- B. On a free kick the ball remains dead until it crosses R's free kick line.
- C. Any K player may recover a free kick if it has touched the ground and also gone beyond the plane of R's free kick line.
- D. Any K player may advance a recovered free kick.

21. Concerning a fair catch, which statement is **FALSE**:

- A. If R26 signals for a fair catch beyond the neutral zone but muffs the kick, K may recover but not advance.
- B. Only one receiver may signal for a fair catch at a time.
- C. A fair catch of a free kick can be made in the neutral zone.
- D. Only the receiver who gives a valid signal is entitled to protection.

22. In GHSA overtime Team A decides to attempt a game winning field goal on third down to avoid a potential fumble and while the ball is in the middle of the field. They line up in scrimmage kick formation with a holder in position to receive the snap. Number 31 is the snapper. Four other offensive linemen are numbered 50-79. This is legal.

- A. True
- B. False

23. To keep the wind for a punt deep in their own territory, Team A decides to punt on third down. They line up in scrimmage kick formation with the punter set to receive the snap from K 32, the long snapper.

Four other offensive linemen are numbered 50-79. This is legal.

- A. True
- B. False

24. Concerning PSK enforcement which statement is **FALSE**:

- A. The enforcement spots for PSK enforcement

on touchbacks are either the R20 yard line, the basic spot, or the spot of the foul if the foul occurred between the R20 and the goal line.

- B. Roughing the kicker will be enforced under PSK enforcement.
- C. R34 signals for a fair catch then blocks K80 in the back to prevent him from recovering the ball short of the goal line. This penalty will come under PSK enforcement and will be fifteen yards or half the distance to the goal depending on the spot of the foul.
- D. PSK enforcement only applies to fouls by R beyond the expanded neutral zone.

25. At the opening kick off Team K has only three players on the right side of the kicker. This is a dead ball foul for encroachment.
- A. True
 - B. False