



Referee Mechanics Test

Name: _____

Date: _____

KEY: R - Referee; U - Umpire; L - Linesman; LJ - Line Judge; BJ - Back Judge; LOS - Line of Scrimmage; NZ - Neutral Zone; LTG - Line To Gain; OOB - Out of Bounds; GL - Goal Line; A - Offensive Player; B - Defensive Player; K - Kicking Team; R - Receiving Team

Pre-Game Responsibilities

- _____ 1. For varsity contests, officials should arrive at least 1 ½ hrs. before scheduled game time.
_____ 2. A pre-game conference is optional.

Free-Kicks: Kick-Offs

- _____ 3. On a kickoff, the R should position himself on R's goal line on L's sideline just outside the inbounds line (hash mark).
_____ 4. A kick, muffed at the 3 yd. line, may be recovered in the end zone by R and returned.
_____ 5. All officials must mark OOB spot if kick goes OOB in their area. Bean bag spot if last touched by R; drop penalty flag if untouched inbounds by R.

Scrimmage Kicks: Punts

- _____ 6. The R's position during a scrimmage kick: 3-5 yards outside the tight end and 2-3 yards behind the kicker, on kicking-leg side.
_____ 7. A punt, which is muffed at R's 2 yd. line, may be recovered by R-2 in his own EZ and returned.

Scrimmage Kicks: Field Goals and PAT

- _____ 8. The R always lines up facing the holder.

Prior To The Snap

- _____ 9. On a regular play from scrimmage, the R will always line up on the wide side of the field.
_____ 10. On scrimmage plays, the R & U are responsible for counting the offense, while the BJ and LJ are responsible for counting the defense.
_____ 11. The R is responsible for identifying eligible backs.

Pass Plays

- _____ 12. Prior to releasing the ball on a pass, if the potential passer is contacted, and the ball is released, it is a forward pass if the passer's arm was moving forward on contact.
_____ 13. R assumes full responsibility for action on/by the QB.

Penalty Administration & Enforcement

- _____ 14. There are only two types of plays: loose ball plays and running plays.
_____ 15. On the first sideline warning, the covering official sounds the whistle, drops penalty marker, gives proper signal, and then reports infraction to referee.
_____ 16. If the offensive team throws an illegal forward pass from its end zone or commits any other foul for which the penalty is accepted and measurement is from on or behind its goal line, the result is a safety.

Overtime

- _____ 17. Unused 2nd half time-outs may not be carried over into an overtime period. Each team will start the overtime period with one (1) time out.

Inadvertent Whistle

_____18. One of the keys to avoiding inadvertent whistles is to avoid blowing the whistle unless the ball can be actually seen in possession of a runner who is down or forward progress stopped..

_____19. Whenever an inadvertent whistle sounds (*and there is no penalty during the down*) during a legal kick or a legal forward pass, there are no options: the ball is returned to the previous spot and the down is replayed.

Recommended Crew Communication Signals & Mechanics

_____20. After the ball is spotted, R moves to a position that is visible to clock operator, approximately 10 yds. from the LOS and 5 yds. wide of the huddle and declares RFP.

Questions #'s 21 - 25 Fill In The Blank

Directions: Place an R – Referee; U – Umpire; L – Linesman; LJ – Line Judge or BJ – Back Judge in the space provide indicating the official's responsibility.

_____21. On a Free-Kick, is responsible for R's restraining line and lines up on the press box sideline.

_____22. On punts, rules on whether ball has crossed the line of scrimmage.

_____23. On a Free-Kick, lines up on the 20 yd. line on the press box sideline.

_____24. On measurements, pulls the forward stake for the measurement.

_____25. Instructs the ball boys.

Questions #'s 26 - 35 Penalty Enforcement Yardage Summary

In the place provided, place a 5, 10 or 15 for the appropriate loss of yardage for penalty enforcement. In addition, if the penalty includes Loss of Down, place LOD in the space provided.

_____26. Illegal block below waist.

_____27. Helping Runner

_____28. Clipping

_____29. Illegal block in the back

_____30. Sideline interference (2nd offense)

_____31. Invalid or illegal fair-catch signal

_____32. Illegal touching

_____33. Intentional Grounding

_____34. Kick-catching interference

_____35. Ineligible receiver illegally down field

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<p>36</p>	<p>37</p>	<p>38</p>
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