

CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
CLASSIFICATION EXAM
2009 FEDERATION RULES

NAME: _____ ROOM NO. _____ SCORE: _____

DIRECTIONS: Transfer your answers to the answer sheet and **DARKEN** the correct answer. If any part of the question is false the entire item is false.

1. A horse collar is grabbing the inside back or side collar of the shoulder pad or jersey, and then pulling the runner down. (9-4-3k)
2. Post the three minute warm-up period on the clock at the end of the 15 minute halftime period. (3-1 Table)
3. Only one time-out per overtime period is allowed. Unused 2nd half time-outs and overtime time-outs may not carry-over. (3-5-1)
4. A horse collar may occur anywhere on or off the field of play. (9-4-3k)
5. 3rd down and 8. A snaps from the B 15 yard line as time is running out in the 2nd period. A-43 has advanced to the B 10 yard line when an inadvertent whistle is sounded. Time for the 2nd period expired during the play. The period must be extended for an un-timed down. Team A may replay the down from the B 15 yard line or have 4th and three from the B 10 yard line. (3-3-3c)(4-2-3c)
6. On a successful kick try B-56 is guilty of holding A-81. A chooses to accept the penalty and replay the try. On the try the ball was snapped from the center of field. After the penalty is enforced team A requests that the ball be placed at the right hash mark before the referee declares it ready for play. The request will be denied since the ball must be placed in the center of the field. (4-3-6,7))
7. Pulling a runner down by grabbing the outside of the jersey is a horse collar. (9-4-3k)
8. The referee has authority to rule promptly and in the spirit of good sportsmanship on any situation not specifically covered by rule (1-1-6)
9. With 4th and ten at K's 30 yard line R-50 is guilty of clipping at the K 40 yard line during K's scrimmage kick. R-80 catches the ball at the 10 yard line and is downed at his own 35 yard line. K-77 then swears at R-80. (Dead ball foul) After enforcement it will be 1st and ten for K from the 40 yard line. (2-16-2h) (10-4-3) (10-2-2,3)
10. If a teammate tackles a runner while B is grabbing a runner's jersey, there is no horse collar. (9-4-3k)
11. Tight end A-83 lines up in a three point stance. He is covered up by flanker A-35. A-83 rises from his stance and shifts to a wider position on the line. A-35 then steps back into the backfield and is set for one second before the ball is snapped. **RULING:** Legal shift (7-1-7)
12. Same play as #11 above, except A-35 rises from his stance and shifts to a backfield position, after one second A-83 rises from his stance and shifts to a new position. **RULING:** legal

shift (7-1-7)

- () 13. A's legal forward pass is deflected by B-76 in the neutral zone and then caroms downfield and falls incomplete four yards beyond the line of scrimmage. A-56 is five yards beyond the neutral zone blocking B-55 as the pass falls incomplete. RULING: Ineligible Downfield (7-5-12)
- () 14. Coaches may remain in the area between the sideline and the team box during live ball play. (9-8-3)
- () 15. 3rd and six from the A 35 yard line. Quarterback A-8 throws a forward pass to A-87 from his 36 yard line. Defensive back B-5 runs into and knocks receiver A-87 down before the ball arrives. RULING: Defensive pass interference and an illegal forward pass. Offsetting fouls (7-5-7) (7-5-2)
- () 16. At least one player 10 yards or further behind the LOS in position to receive the snap, allows A to use the numbering exception on 4th down only. (2-14-2) (7-2-5)
- () 17. Eye shields must be such that the eyes are visible and must be made of rigid, molded and clear material. (1-5-3)
- () 18. Fouls by the opponents of the scoring team on the last timed down of the first half can carry over to the second half kick-off. (8-2-2)
- () 19. Fouls by the opponents of the scoring team on the last timed down of the second half can't carry over to overtime play. Exception: Unsportsmanlike/non-player fouls, and fouls by B on a successful field goal. (8-2-2)
- () 20. Beginning at B's 5 yard line A-37 high steps across the goal line holding the ball above his head and pointing skyward with his opposite hand. RULING: Touchdown for team A and penalize A-37 for unsportsmanlike conduct on the try only. (8-2-2) (8-2-3) (8-2-4)
- () 21. During a two point try A-7 advances to B's 2 yard line and throws an illegal forward pass caught in the end zone by A-81. During the pass and inadvertent whistle is sounded. RULING: The try is ended; no points are scored and there will be no replay. (8-3-6)
- () 22. K's punt is tipped by R-72 in the expanded neutral zone and goes twenty yards beyond the neutral zone. K-52 recovers the ball. RULING: It will be 1st and 10 for K at that spot. (6-2-6)(6-2-4)
- () 23. Quarterback A-11 rolling to his right finds no receivers open. He throws the ball to the ground as the defense is closing in on him. He may legally throw the ball away when his receivers are all covered and he is out of the pocket. (7-5-2d)
- () 24. The back judge and other officials verify that team B has 12 players on the field prior to the snap. They should throw their flags and blow their whistles to prevent the ball being snapped. 5-yard illegal substitution. (3-7-1)
- () 25. A-36 notices that he is bleeding from the elbow at the end of a down. He runs to the sideline and is given a pad which he slips over on his arm to cover the wound and returns to the huddle. A-36 is considered to be an injured player and must stay out at least one play. (3-5-10a,c)

- () 26. A-32 enters the game with an auxiliary hard surface pad on his back attached to his shoulder pads, barely covered by his jersey. When he bends over to take his stance the pad is partially exposed. RULING: Legal (1-5-1g)(1.5.3g)
- () 27. When the helmet comes completely off the ball carrier, the ball becomes dead (4-2-2k)
- () 28. All players of Team A must have been within the 9 yard marks at least momentarily between the ready for play signal and the snap. (1-2-3f)(7-2-1)
- () 29. One player with his knee on the ground at least 7 yards behind the LOS, and another player 3 yards or less behind the holder in position to attempt a placekick is considered a scrimmage kick formation on any down (2-14-2) (7-2-5)
- () 30. K-82 recovers a punt muffed beyond the neutral zone by R-18. It will be A's ball with a new series and the clock will start on the ready for play since there was no change of possession. (3-4-3c)
- () 31. B-27 intercepts A-13's legal forward pass and advances. B-27 fumbles during the run back and A-87 recovers. New series for team A and the clock will start on the ready for play. (3-4-3b)
- () 32. On #29 above, only on 4th down is the "entire" numbering exception in effect. (2-14-2) (7-2-5)
- () 33. If K is first to touch a free kick in flight, it is kick catching interference. (6-5-6a)
- () 34. On a kick-off from K's 40 the ball is bouncing at K's 48 yard line. R-51 is pushed into contact with the ball by K-22 and it is then recovered by K-90 at the K 49 yard line. It will be K's ball 1st and 10. (6-1-5)
- () 35. When a B player intercepts or recovers a fumble or backward pass between his 5 yard line and the goal line, and his original momentum carries him into the end zone where the ball becomes dead in his teams possession, the ball belongs to B at the spot of the interception or recovery. (8-5-2aexc)
- () 36. On #29 above, on 1st, 2nd, or 3rd down, only one interior lineman may wear a number other than 50-79 inclusive, and that player must snap the ball and be positioned between the ends. (2-14-2) (7-2-5)
- () 37. K-44 bats K's scrimmage kick backwards at the one yard line and it strikes R-20 at the three yard line where K-83 recovers. The balls touching R-20 is ignored and it will be R's ball at the spot of K-83's recovery. (6-2-4)
- () 38. Quarterback A-8 is roughed as he completes his pass to A-81, who is behind the line. A-81 is tackled for a loss of yardage. RULING: Roughing the passer. Penalize 15 yards from the previous spot (9-4-4pen)
- () 39. An ineligible receiver behind or beyond the LOS has committed an illegal touching foul if the ball accidentally strikes him in the back (7-5-13)

- () 40. All blocks in the back of an opponent outside free blocking zone are fouls. (9-3-5b,c)
- () 41. Post scrimmage kick (PSK) enforcement provisions start at the snap. (2-16-2h)
- () 42. Post scrimmage kick (PSK) penalty enforcement may apply on all scrimmage kicks except a try and successful field goal. (2-16-2h)
- () 43. K's short punt from the K 30 yard line is caught by K-88 at the K 40 yard line. There was no player from team R in position to catch the ball. During the play R-12 holds K-22 at the K 35 yard line. RULING: First touching by K; R's ball 1st and ten at the 50 yard line following PSK penalty enforcement (6-5exc)(9-7-2exc)
- () 44. R-16 signals for a fair catch. R-10 blocks K-30 into the receiver just before the ball arrives. R-16 muffs the kicked ball and K-30 recovers. RULING: K's ball at the spot of recovery (6-5-6)(6-2-5)
- () 45. When the penalty for any live ball foul during the last timed down of a period is accepted, the period must be extended for an un-timed down. (3-3-4)
- () 46. B-12 intercepts a pass on his four yard line and his momentum carries him into his end zone where he is downed. The ball will be placed on the four yard line and the clock will start on the snap for the next series. (3-4-3)(8-5-2aexc) (3.4.3D)
- () 47. Team A's field goal attempt is short, and lies motionless at B's 3 yard line with no player attempting to secure possession. RULING: 1st and 10 for B from their 3 yard line. (6-2-7)
- () 48. K's free kick from the K 40 yard line is muffed by R-7 at the R 5 yard line, then muffed by K-44 and the ball goes out of bounds at the R 1 yard line. RULING: R's ball 1st and ten at the R 1 yard line (6-1-9)
- () 49. An authorized sideline conference during a time out must be directly in front of the team box between the 9 yard marks and the sideline. (2-6-2a)
- () 50. B24 intercepts a pass and returns it for a touchdown as time runs out in the 2nd period. B75 clips during the return. Ruling: Enforce the clip on the start of the 2nd half. (3-3-3a)

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ANSWER SHEET

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False – May choose any spot between the inbounds lines
7. False – Legal Play
8. True
9. False – R's ball at R's 20 (PSK)
10. True
11. False- False Start
12. True
13. False – Ball touched by B
14. False – Only between plays
15. False – Only illegal forward pass
16. True
17. True
18. True
19. True
20. True
21. True
22. False – Touch by R is ignored
23. False – Intentional grounding
24. True
25. False – No official noticed the blood
26. True
27. True
28. True
29. True
30. False – Clock starts on the snap
31. True
32. True
33. True
34. False – Touching by R is ignored
35. True
36. True
37. True
38. True
39. False – Has to muff, bat, or catch
40. False- Reaching runner or loose ball
41. True
42. True
43. True
44. True
45. False – Loss of down foul is an exception
46. True
47. True
48. True
49. True
50. False- Enforce and one un-timed down