

Rule 7 Quiz

- 1) The snapper's free hand may be on the ground in advance of the ball.
- 2) In a snap, the ball must leave the snappers hand(s) and touch the ground or a backfield player before it touches a Team A lineman.
- 3) After the RFP, it is encroachment if the snapper assumes his position over the ball with his head in the NZ after placing his hand(s) on the ball.
- 4) A Team A back may be numbered 50-79.
- 5) QB A12, once his hands are under the snapper may not shift.
- 6) Illegal motion is a foul at the snap.
- 7) If A7's forward pass is muffed by A72 behind the NZ, the spot of the foul is the previous spot since this is a foul during a loose ball play.
- 8) If A11's forward pass is deflected by A82 to A62 behind the NZ and A62 catches the ball. Ruling: Legal
- 9) Team A lines up with QB A1 in shotgun. After the snap and in the backfield A1 hands the ball forward to running back A2 on an option play. A2 runs up to the line and turns and tosses the ball back to A1. A1 throws a pass down field to A3 who catches it for a 25 yard gain. Ruling: legal.
- 10) Once A10's pass is in flight, ineligible A65 goes 4 yards beyond the NZ while blocking B77. A65 is NOT an ineligible downfield regardless if the ball in flight is behind, in or beyond the NZ.
- 11) Offensive pass interference is still possible if a legal forward pass is touched by B90 behind the NZ.
- 12) If B1 tackles eligible A22 behind the line while the pass is in flight to A22, it is a foul for DPI.
- 13) There can be no pass interference OR ineligibles downfield if the pass does not cross the NZ.

- 14) A player who is an eligible receiver at the snap becomes ineligible if he goes out of bounds intentionally and returns.
- 15) The snapper can be an eligible receiver.
- 16) During an illegal forward pass, no pass eligibility restrictions apply.
- 17) An underhand pitch forward behind the NZ from A7 to A32 is muffed and hit the ground. Ruling: Incomplete pass.
- 18) Any forward pass purposely thrown incomplete is an illegal forward pass.
- 19) A pass thrown backwards, out of bounds, on purpose, to stop the clock is an illegal pass.
- 20) A forward pass thrown by A12 is legal if both feet are in or behind the NZ.
- 21) An illegal forward pass thrown incomplete by A12 in his EZ results in a safety.
- 22) If an illegal forward pass is intercepted by B30 and returned for a TD, the foul cannot carry over to the try or the kick off.
- 23) B can commit DPI without making contact with eligible A receiver.
- 24) A's ball at the B 35. A12 hands off to A43 who runs to the B 30. A43 stops and throws a backward pass back to A12 who catches the ball at the B 36. A12 throws a completed pass to A88 in B's EZ. There are no ineligibles downfield. Ruling: TD for A.
- 25) A's ball at the B 40. QB A12 takes the snap in shotgun formation. A12 scrambles right, then left and runs to the B 38. Realizing he has gone beyond the NZ, A12 then runs back to the B 42 and throws a pass to A25 in B's EZ. The pass is complete. There are no ineligibles downfield. Ruling: TD for A.
- 26) Guard A66 is so big that he cannot put his hand on the ground in a three point stance. His hand is about three inches from the ground. Just before the snap, A66 picks his hand up from near the ground and puts his mouth piece

in his mouth. Ruling: False start on A66.

27) If nose guard B55 makes contact with the ball prior to the end of the snap or with the snappers hand(s) or arm(s) prior to the snapper releasing the ball, it is a foul for encroachment on B55.

28) After the ready for play, if a defensive player is in the NZ giving defensive signals is an unsportsmanlike foul.

29) After the ball is marked ready, each player of team A who participated in the previous down and any A substitute must have been, momentarily, between the 9 yard marks before the ball is snapped.

30) A scrimmage down MUST start with a legal snap.

31) QB A12 is standing directly behind the snapper. As A12 is calling signals, receiver A88 goes in motion. As A88 gets past A12, A12 goes under the snapper. A88 is still in motion when the ball is snapped. Ruling: foul for illegal motion at the snap.

32) ANY player may hand the ball backward or throw a backward pass at any time.

33) 4th at 6 from the B 40. A15 goes back to the B 47 looking to pass. Seeing no receiver, A15 throws the ball away way over the sideline with no receiver in the area. If B accepts the foul for the illegal forward pass, it will be their ball at the A 48 yard line.

34) 4th and 10 from the A 20. A15 drop back to pass and due to a heavy rush, has to run. He runs to the A 23 when he spots an open receiver at the 50. The pass is complete to A44 who runs for an apparent TD. If B declines the A's foul for the illegal forward pass, it is a TD for A. If B accepts the foul, it will be their ball at the A 18.

35) All A players become eligible when a legal forward pass is touched by any player.

36) Pass interference restrictions on a legal forward pass end for all ineligible A

players when any player touches the ball.

37) Pass eligibility rules apply **ONLY** to a legal forward pass.

38) Pass interference restrictions **ONLY** apply beyond the NZ and **ONLY** if the legal forward pass, untouched by B in or behind the NZ, crosses the NZ.

39) A fumble can be intercepted.

40) Face guarding is an example of defensive pass interference.

41) 2nd and 10 from the A 30. A15 drops back to pass and before the pass is thrown, B33 pushes receiver A88 to the ground. The pass is then thrown incomplete. This will be a loose ball foul for defensive pass interference enforced from the previous spot.

42) Team A lines up on first and 10 at the A 20 yard line with 8 men on the LOS because their tight end A88 is covered up by wide out A87. At the snap both players go downfield and the pass is thrown in the direction of A88. Defender B1 moves in on the pass as he and A88 make an attempt to catch the ball. They unavoidably collide as A88 tips the ball into the air. It then falls to the ground. Ruling: Multiple foul on A88 for Ineligible down field, illegal touching, and OPI.

43) Team A sets up a screen pass to the right for A88 to catch and have A66 and A67 in front to block. Before the pass is thrown, A66 and A67 are 5 yards down field blocking while A88 is still behind the NZ. A88 tips the pass very high and it continues on down field eventually landing well beyond the blocking A66 and A67. A66 and A67 block as they are supposed to do with A66 legally blocking B1 from the front and A67 blocking B2 in the back above the waist. Ruling: Multiple foul on A for ineligible down field, block in the back, and OPI.

44) Team A is lined up with an unbalanced line having a guard, two tackles and a TE to the left of the snapper and a guard and TE (A80) to the right of the snapper. QB A1 is lined up in a shallow shotgun. At the snap A80 turns a quarter turn and runs between A1 and the snapper. A1 tosses (passes) the ball

forward to A80 who continues around the left overloaded end of the line. The Ref drops his flag and after the play indicates that team A ran an illegal planned loose ball play in the vicinity of the snapper.

45) If a fumble or backward pass is out of bounds behind B's goal line in Team A's possession the result of the play is always a touchback.

46) A1 fumbles on a running play and it is recovered by B1 on first bounce. B1 returns the fumble 10 yards and then throws a forward pass to B2. B2 and A2 simultaneously catch the pass. Ruling: The ball becomes dead immediately and if the penalty is declined the ball belongs to team A. If the penalty is accepted B will be penalized 5 yards from the spot of the foul and have the ball first and ten. The clock will start on the snap regardless of the penalty decision

47) Wide out A88 is split wide right and runs a pass pattern straight down the numbers. He is covered to the inside by B1. QB A1 throws the pass towards A88 but it is down the hash marks. B1 is between A88 and where the ball is going. A88 tries to move towards the hash marks and the pass but B1 continues running his line causing A88 to slightly bump into him but make no progress towards the pass that falls to the ground. Ruling: DPI

48) After the RFP snapper A50 lines up and places both hands on the ball. As the QB calls the cadence A50 slowly removes one hand and places it on the ground in the NZ. Ruling: snap infraction.

49) Team A breaks the huddle and moves to the line. Wide out A88 is confused and runs from one sideline to the other and back again without ever stopping. With the play clock running down QB A1 has the ball snapped with A88 having never stopped since he left the huddle. Ruling: Illegal motion.

50) After the RFP snapper A51 lines up over the ball with his forearms resting on his knees and not touching the ball. The rest of team A lines up and gets set. As QB A1 calls the cadence A50 reaches forward and immediately snaps the ball to A1 in one motion. A1 throws a pass downfield that is incomplete. Ruling: Legal

Answers

True answers are:

2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38,
39, 42, 43