

CANADIAN FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
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2009 CFOA EXAMINATION A
GENERAL RULES KNOWLEDGE.

Statements provide are either true, yes, correct or false, no , incorrect

If the answer to the question is “yes”, “True” or “Correct”, put an X in the circle enclosing the C (for correct). If the answer to the question is “No”, “False” or “Incorrect”, put an X in the circle enclosing the I (for incorrect).

Only the answer sheet of the examination will be sent to the grader. You retain the questions for further study. Since correction is by performed key, you must use care in clearly marking correct circles on the answer sheet.

Time Required - 60 to 90 minutes per exam.

Note:

All questions are to be answered using the Canadian Rule Book for Amateur Football.

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EXAM A GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWER SHEET

Read each question carefully. If the answer to the question is “Yes”, “True” or “Correct”, put an ‘X’ in the circle enclosing the C (for correct).

If the answer to the question is “No”, “False” or “Incorrect”, put an ‘X’ in the circle enclosing the I (for incorrect).

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1. The goal line is part of the end zone.
2. Goal post padding may be eliminated if both coaches agree.
3. Barring penalties, each overtime series will begin at the opponents' thirty-five yard line.
4. There are no team time-outs in overtime.
5. Team A is punting from the B35. The ball hits the ground at the B2 and then the goalpost. The ball remains alive.
6. Team A throws a forward pass. A87 tips the ball. The ball hits the umpire. The ball remains alive.
7. A punt is rolling along the ground. B32 goes to one knee to pick the ball up. The ball remains alive.
8. When the ball carrier runs out of bounds on first down, the ball shall belong to his team at the point where his foot touched or crossed the sideline.
9. Team A fumbles the ball near the sideline. The ball hits B20 and rolls out of bounds at the B35. The ball belongs to Team B.
10. Knee pads must be covered by the pants.
11. A cleat with a metal tip is legal.
12. Team A have twelve men in the huddle. A42 enters the huddle. Five seconds later, A58 leaves the huddle and goes to the Team A bench. This is not a foul.
13. The entire ball must be over the goal line in order for a touchdown to be scored.
14. A12 is punting from the end zone. B44 blocks the punt. The ball is rolling loose in the end zone. B12 dives at the ball and knocks it over the deadline. Team B has scored a safety.
15. After a safety touch, the scoring team shall be given the option of how the ball is put into play.
16. A rouge can only be scored if the ball is kicked into the opponent's end zone

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17. Team A punts the ball into the Team B end zone. B90 catches the punt and runs the ball out of the end zone to the B3. He then retreats back into the end zone. He leaves the end zone again and is tackled at the B5. Team B does not have the option of scrimmaging at the B20.
18. Team A punts. Receiver B72 is backing up toward his own goal line. He reaches behind himself. The ball deflects off his hand and rolls into the B end zone. B72 recovers the ball and advances the ball out to the B6 where he is tackled. Team B does not have the option of scrimmaging at the B20
19. The ball becomes dead on a convert attempt as soon as Team B gains possession or as soon as the kick is unsuccessful.
20. The head, arms and hands of the centre may be in advance of the line of scrimmage.
21. When a Team B player steps into the neutral zone prior to the ball being snapped, the play should be whistled dead immediately.
22. If Team A has only eleven players on the field, they do not need an eligible receiver on both ends of the line.
23. On first down, A62 lines up in the backfield. This is a legal play.
24. The ball carrier, A2, is running with the ball. Tackle A67 is leading the interference for A2. B3 blocks A67 at the thigh and in front seven yards beyond the line of scrimmage. This is not a foul.
25. Team A attempt a short kick-off from the A45. The ball is coming down at the B50. The kicker grabs the ball in flight and falls to the ground. This is a legal play.
26. Any punt that travels less than ten yards should be whistled dead immediately.
27. Team A punts the ball thirty yards downfield. The ball is rolling loose. Before it is touched by either team, B2 blocks onside A5 above the waist and in the front to prevent him from recovering the ball. This is not a foul.
28. On 3D, A7 punts. Onside A22 is blocked by B12 from the front and above the waist two yards behind the line of scrimmage. This is not a foul.
29. A lateral pass is any pass that is thrown underhanded.

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30. Quarterback, A2, is grabbed by B3 seven yards behind the line of scrimmage. A2 hands the ball forward to guard A57. This is a legal play.
31. Quarterback, A7, is ten yards behind the line of scrimmage. He throws a forward pass that is deflected by B12 who is standing two yards from A7. The ball is caught by ineligible receiver A50 two yards behind the line of scrimmage. This is not a foul.
32. If a Team A eligible receiver touches a forward pass, then any Team A ineligible receiver may catch the pass without being penalized for being an ineligible receiver.
33. Only Team A ineligible receivers may block downfield prior to a forward pass being caught behind the line of scrimmage.
34. A92 catches a forward pass in the air near the sideline. His left foot comes down first in bounds. His right foot then comes down completely out of bounds. This is a completed forward pass.
35. A forward pass is tipped twenty yards past the line of scrimmage by a Team B player. Team B players may legally interfere with Team A players.
36. The yardage penalty for defensive pass interference can be between zero and fifteen yards.
37. Illegal contact can be called even if no forward pass is thrown.
38. The penalty for a “contacting the kicker” foul includes an automatic first down for Team A.
39. “Half the distance” restrictions for penalty yardage do not apply to unnecessary roughness and rough play fouls.
40. Face mask fouls are any action where a player’s hand contacts an opponent’s facemask.
41. Ball carrier A19 lowers his head and deliberately rams B98 in the open field. This is a butt blocking foul.
42. In a scrimmage kick formation, the centre has special protection only until the ball is snapped and the centre raises his head.
43. B32 intercepts a forward pass. Team B players are permitted to block below the waist.
44. On a first down measurement, the clip is placed at the front of the back yard stripe.

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45. Referees should give preliminary signals whenever a foul is called.
46. In a four man crew, the sideline official on the short side of the field will go downfield before the ball is punted.
47. End A80 is in a three point stance. Prior to the snap, he comes out of his stance. The sideline official should throw his flag and whistle the play dead.
48. If the benches are on opposite sides of the field, the chains are with the home team during the first half.
49. If the ball carrier comes toward a sideline official, the official should always keep ahead of the play.
50. In a five man official crew, the back umpire determines which of the sideline officials are the “held” and “free” officials.