

# 2011 NHFOA Preseason Exam

**Directions:** On the Answer Sheet (Last Page) put T for True or F for False, then put the rule/casebook reference used to determine your answer.

## I. New Rules

1. On the last timed down of the game, Team A is down by four points and driving. 2/7 on the B-15. A11's pass to the end zone is intercepted, and returned by B55 to the B-7 where he is tackled. The teams disengage after the tackle. The Referee signals game over. With both teams on the field a scuffle breaks out. Ruling: Game over, Officials' jurisdiction is terminated.
2. During the pre-game walk, the Umpire and Referee notice several players of the home team have eye-black that extends below their eyes in a "war paint" fashion. The officials report the players to the head coach and ask the eye-black be removed or altered so they reduce glare only. Ruling: Legal.
3. A 3/7 on the A-25. On a running play, Guard A67 hits DL B87 with a block at the knee. Center A55 hits B87 with a simultaneous block at the ankles. Ruling: Legal Block.
4. A 3/7 on the A-25. On a running play, Guard A67 hits DL B87 with a block at the knee and Center A55 hits B87 with a simultaneous block at the hip. Ruling: Legal Block.
5. A 3/7 on the A-25. On a running play Guard A67 hits DL B87 with a block at the hip. Center A55 hits B87 with a simultaneous block at the thigh. Ruling: Legal Block.
6. During an injury timeout, the entire Team A squad goes to an area between the sideline and the nine-yard marks to confer with coaches. Ruling: Legal.
7. A 3/6 on the B-14, A67 is discovered as having an injury that is bleeding from his right hand. With :55 left on the clock, Team A calls a timeout. Ruling: A67 may return following the timeout.
8. A 2/17 from the B-27, between downs A44 is exhibiting signs consistent with a concussion. The officials call a timeout and A44 is removed for one down. After two plays he returns for a FG attempt at the B-14. Ruling: The officials should not allow the player to return unless certified by medical personnel.
9. 3/5 on the A-45. Running back A17 takes the ball on a sweep to the right side and is running down the sideline when Safety B56 grabs him from behind with his hand at his collar at the B-40. He pulls him down and out of bounds at the B-35. Ruling: Penalize as a live-ball foul. A 1/10 at the B-20.

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10. 3/6 on the A-45. Passer A11 is roughed after he completes a legal forward pass to A37 at the 50. A37 runs to the B-40 where he is hit and fumbles. The ball is recovered (grounded) by A44 on the B-38. Ruling: The end of the run is the B-40. A 1/10 at the B-25.
11. At the coin toss, both teams send out 4 captains. Team A then holds hands and walks as a unit to the top of the numbers. Ruling: Penalize on the opening kickoff 15 yards for ULC.

### **II. The Game, Field Players and Equipment**

12. Flanker A44 is detected with a chin strap hanging down (2) while going downfield on his pass pattern. Ruling: Failure to wear proper equipment. Penalize 5 yards.
13. During an authorized conference, Team A head coach takes off his LAN phone and gives it to his quarterback to discuss a play with the coaches in the press box. Ruling: Legal.
14. During the game Team B's head coach has been seen using a cell phone while on the sideline instead of his LAN phone. Ruling: Legal.
15. The coach of Team B reports to the Referee two of his three phones have stopped working. Ruling: The Referee should stop the game and order that Team A drop two phones.
16. Prior to the game the head coach of Team B says he has a player who wears a prosthetic device, but the note of approval from the CIAC is on the bus. Ruling: The player may not play until the note is produced.

### **III. Periods, Time Factors, Substitution**

17. A 3/7 at the B-40. On the last timed down of the period A34 catches a legal forward pass from A11 and runs to the B-20 where he is hit and fumbles. The BJ, unaware the ball became loose, sounds his whistle. Ruling: Extend the period for an untimed down A 1/10 at the B-20. (Note: the B buys the first round.)
18. 3/7 from the B-20. A11's pass into the end zone is intercepted by B13, who runs it out to the B-37. During the interception and run, B44 is called for holding in the end zone. Ruling: Safety, extend the period for the kickoff.
19. A 2/2 on the B-25. There are 22 seconds remaining in the second quarter. During A pass play B14 holds eligible receiver A88 on the B-22 prior to the pass. The pass is completed to the swing-man A33, who is tackled at the B-24. When the down is over, the clock shows :07. Ruling: Penalize for holding, A 1/10 on the B-15. Clock on the ready. A must get the play off before time expires.
20. With the score 22-13 in favor of the home team. The visitors score on the last timed down of the fourth quarter. Ruling: Extend the period for the Try.

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21. A 2/7 on the B-20. A11 scrambles on a pass attempt and throws a pass from the B-19, which scores a touchdown on the last play of the second quarter. Ruling: A 3/11 from the B-24. Extend the period for an untimed down.
22. A 3/6 at the B-17. A FG attempt is blocked and the ball stays behind the line. A3, the kicker, picks up the ball and runs to the B-10 where he is tackled. Ruling: A 1/10 at the B-10, Clock starts on the Ready.
23. K11 punts the ball 4/10 from the K-25. The punt is caught by R22 at the R-30 and returned to the R-40. During the down and prior to the catch K44 is called for holding. R accepts the penalty. Ruling: Penalize from previous spot, clock starts on the Ready.
24. A 3/7 at the A-45. B44 recognizes his team has only 10 players on the field and attempts to get to his team's side of the ball prior to the snap. Before doing so, the ball is snapped. R33 runs for a 9-yard gain. Ruling: Penalize five yards from the end of the run. A 1/10 from the B-41.
25. 2/8 at the B-25. Substitute end A88 comes into the game and takes a legal position on the right side of the formation. B is called for an encroachment foul. After enforcement of the foul A88 may leave the game and be substituted by A89.

### **IV. Ball in Play, Dead Ball, Out of Bounds**

26. 4/7 from the B-21. K3 comes in for an apparent FG attempt with K12 as the holder on the B-28. At the snap, K12 receives the snap with his knee on the ground and flips the ball to K27 who is dragging in front. K27 runs for a 9-yard gain. Ruling: K 1/10 at the B-12.
27. 4/7 from the B-21. K3 comes in for an apparent FG attempt with K12 as the holder on the B-28. At the snap the ball goes high causing K12 to rise in order to secure it. K3 remains in kicking position. K12 returns with his knee on the ground to hold the attempt. Ruling: Legal.
28. 3/7 at the B-40. On a run up the middle A44 is hit and fumbles at the B-36. While the ball is loose a whistle sounds. Ruling: A 4/3 at the B-36.
29. K 4/4 at the K-25. R17 is in position to receive the punt when K44 commits KCI. The official covering the play throws his flag and blows his whistle. Ruling: K 4/4 at the K-25.
30. 1/10 at the 50. On a sweep to the right side A44 runs to the B-40 is hit and fumbles. The ball rolls to the B-36, where A22 and B68 attempt to recover it. B68 recovers while his foot is touching the sideline. Ruling: A 1/10 at the B-36.
31. On a try from the B-3, A requests the ball be placed on the left hash mark. When the ball is snapped, B44 is called for holding on the pass play attempt, which fails. Following enforcement of the penalty, A may request the ball be placed on the right hash mark.

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32. 3/7 at the B-27. Runner A33 runs a sweep to the left side and is running along the sideline when he is contacted by Safety B29 who is touching the sideline. A33 runs into the end zone. Ruling: TD, Try on B-3.

### **V. Series of Downs, Number of Downs, Team Possession.**

33. 3/4 on the A-25. A3's quick kick is partially blocked and stays behind the neutral zone where it is in joint possession by both A66 and B98 at the A-22 . Ruling: A 4/7 at the A-22.

34. 2/7 on the B-20. A11 throws a legal forward pass to A33, who is tackled hard by B77 at the B-4. A33 comes up and is flagged for a personal foul on B77 in retaliation for the hit. Ruling: A 1/goal at the B-19.

35. 4/4 at the B-15. A88 and A43 line up as split receivers to the same side, with A88 covering A43. Both receivers go downfield with the pass going to A43, who completes the catch in the end zone. Ruling: B 1/10 at the B-20.

36. 4/4 at the K-20. K lines up for a punt in scrimmage kick formation, the ball is partially blocked and goes beyond the neutral zone, where it is touched by R27 at the K30. The ball rebounds back to the K18, where it is recovered by K56, who runs to the K-23. Ruling: K 1/10 at the K-23.

37. 4/4 at the K-45. K lines up for a punt in scrimmage kick formation. K3 kicks the ball down to the R-15 where it is bouncing and is touched by K23. R17 comes up and intentionally kicks the ball back up field where both teams attempt to recover. K44 has possession of the ball on the R-48 at the end of the down. Ruling: K 1/10 at the R-40.

38. 3/7 at the A-40. A11's legal forward pass is intercepted by B37 at the B-35, who begins to return it. During his return A49 grabs B37's facemask at the 50, which causes him to fumble. The fumble is recovered by A66 at the A-35, where he is downed. He then taunts Team B. Ruling: B 1/10 at the A-20.

39. 2/7 at the B-45. A running play ends close to the B-38, but the Referee determines it is short. Following the Ready for Play, QB A11 asks for a measurement. Ruling: The request should be granted.

40. A 2/27 at the A-1. A11 receives a snap and tries a sneak up the middle but is stuffed at the line. The forward progress leaves the foremost part of the ball in the field of play, but part of it behind the goal line. Ruling: Safety.

### **VI. Free Kicks**

41. On a kickoff from K's 40, the ball is muffed by R17 at the R-15 and remains in the air. K44 catches the ball and runs into the end zone. Ruling: TD.

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42. K's onside kick attempt is bouncing at the K-47 with K44 and R87 engaged in blocking one another. The ball touches R87 and is recovered by K62 at the K-49. Ruling: K 1/10 at the K-49.
43. K's high free kick from the K-40 is coming down at the R-30 and hits K44 in flight before R17 recovers the grounded kick at the R-25. R17 runs to the R-48 where he is downed. Ruling: R 1/10 at the R-48.
44. K's free kick from the K-40 is caught by R34, who is standing at the R-44 with one foot touching the sidelines. Ruling: R 1/10 at the R-44.
45. K's free kick from the K-40 is muffed by R34, who is standing at the R-44 with one foot touching the sidelines. He reaches through the plane of the sidelines to touch the ball. Ruling: Kick out of bounds. R has three options.
46. K tries an onside kick from the K-40. As the ball bounces near the sideline it is muffed out-of-bounds by K34 at the R-49. Ruling: R 1/10 at the R-49.
47. When a punt is used in a free kick after a safety, the kick must be made within two steps behind Team K's restraining line.
48. When a free kick goes out of bounds, the receiving team has the option of penalizing the kicking team from the dead-ball spot.

### **VII. Scrimmage Kicks**

49. The score is K 24, R 26. On the last play of the game, K attempts a field goal from the R-15, 3/7. Players 48, 24 and 31 line up in the formation between the ends, with 24 as the snapper. K3 kicks the ball through the uprights. Ruling: Three points for K, game over.
50. 4/10 at the K40. K3 punts the ball. While R22 and K34 are engaged in blocking downfield at the R-30, K56 legally bats the ball at the R-28 and the batted ball touches R22 in the leg. K45 falls on the ball at the R-25. Ruling: Forced touching. R 1/10 at the R-28.
51. 4/3 from the K-10. A high, short scrimmage kick by K3 is muffed beyond the neutral zone by R23 and rebounds back into K's end zone where it is simultaneously recovered by K67 and R56. Ruling: Safety.
52. K3's Try attempt at the R-3 is a low line-drive and hits K67, who is in the end zone, off the shoulder and through the uprights. Ruling: Score the point. Free kick at the K-40.
53. K3 attempts a field goal from the K-25. R56 is standing in the end zone, leaps at the kick attempt and blocks it from going through the uprights. Ruling: Illegal batting. Safety.

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54. R16 and R22 are split receivers on a punt attempt from the K-35. They are standing on the R-30. The kick is down the middle, with R16 making a fair catch signal. R22 gets the ball at the R-28, and runs to the R-35 out of bounds. Ruling: Delay of game, 1/15 from the R-23.
55. An invalid fair catch signal is any signal by a receiver before the kick is caught or recovered after the kick touches the ground.
56. 4/7 from the K-30. K3's punt is deep and high. R14, standing at the R-30 backs away from the ball, deciding to let it hit the ground. K19, a gunner, gets under the ball and catches it at the K-28. Ruling: Kick-catch interference. Awarded fair catch at the K-28 or 4/22 from the K-15.
57. 4/7 from the K-30. K3's punt is deep and short. R14, standing on his 30 has to move up toward the kick. Gunner K19 is rushing up-field unaware of the kick. R14 has to run around K19 in order to get the ball, muffs it and R76 recovers at the R-40. Ruling: R 1/10 at the R-40.
58. 4/7 from the K-30. K3's punt is deep and high. R14 standing at the R-30 catches the kick and begins to run. Thinking better of it, he makes a fair-catch signal and drops to his knees at the R-35. Ruling: Illegal signal. 1/10 at the R-30.

### **VIII. Snapping the ball**

59. 1/10 at the A-35. Snapper A55 and ends A88 and A99 have left the huddle early and gone to their positions. A55 has made his final adjustment with both hands on the ball. The snapper sees a defensive alignment and takes his hands off the ball to talk to the QB, A11. Ruling: Legal.
60. To be legally on the line of scrimmage, linemen's shoulders must be approximately parallel to their opponent's goal line and his head or foot must break an imaginary plane drawn through the waist of the snapper when the ball is snapped.
61. Snapper A67 is positioned over the ball following the Ready for Play, but has not yet placed his hands on it. B2 enters the neutral zone, but retreats and gets back to his side of the ball. Ruling: No foul.
62. Snapper A67 is positioned over the ball following the Ready for Play, and has placed his left hand on the ground adjacent to the ball. He then stands to call out a blocking assignment. Ruling: Legal.
63. On first, second or third down and in a scrimmage-kick formation, Team K must have four players number 50-79, and only one lineman may be an exception.

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64. 3/7 at the B-25. A11 is calling signals, and A33 goes into motion. Lineman A67, who was standing with his hands on his knees, drops into a 3-point stance while A33 is in motion. Ruling: False Start.

### **IX. Forward Pass**

65. A11 is in a shotgun formation late in the 4th quarter, 2/7 at the B14. With the clock running down, he takes the snap and intentionally spikes the ball. Ruling: Legal.

66. 2/4 at the B-20. A11 drops back to the B-26 and throws a legal forward pass to A33 who is at the B-24. Before the pass reaches A33, B27 pushes A33. The pass falls incomplete. Ruling: 3/4 at the B20.

67. 2/8 from the B-40. A44 and A87 are split to the right side in a spread formation. Both line up on the LOS with A44 covered by A87. At the snap, A87 goes downfield and A44 drops back for a screen pass. A44 catches a swing pass (forward) at the B-42 and runs to the B-28. Ruling: Illegal touching. 3/15 from the B-47.

68. 2/8 from the B-40. A44 and A87 are split to the right side in a spread formation. Both line up on the LOS with A44 covered by A87. At the snap, A44 goes downfield and A87 drops back for a screen pass. A44 catches the ball at the B-37 and runs to the B-28. Ruling: Illegal touching. 3/13 from the B-45.

69. 2/7 from the A-25. End A88 runs to the A-20 and cuts sharply toward the middle of the field. He runs his pattern after an initial block by B44, and makes no attempt to make another block. B47 then pushes A88 to get him off his stride. A88 completes the catch at the A-20 where he is downed. Ruling: Illegal use of hands. A 1/10 at the A-15.

70. 1/10 at the A-35. A56 makes contact with B48, a defensive lineman at the snap and blocks him downfield while remaining in contact. A pass is thrown and hits A56 in the helmet at the A-37, while he is in contact with B48. Ruling: 2/25 at the A20.

71. 3/17 at the A-40. A88 runs a deep pass pattern and is covered by B46. They are running stride for stride, when a legal forward pass is thrown to A88. B46 waves his hands in front of A88, not making an attempt to play the ball. The pass falls incomplete. Ruling: 4/17 at the A-40.

### **X. Scoring plays**

72. A17 runs a sweep to the left side and runs toward the end zone. He beats the defenders and is in the clear. He looks back and waves the ball in a taunt toward his opponent prior to scoring. Ruling: B may choose to enforce the foul on the Try or succeeding kickoff.

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73. A scores on the last timed down of the game to make the score A20, B21. On the successful kick play, B44 roughs the kicker. Ruling: A may choose to re-play the Try after enforcement or penalize B in the overtime period.
74. 2/10 from the B-20. B24 intercepts a legal forward pass on the B-4 and his momentum carries him into the end zone. Prior to entering the end zone, he fumbles on the B-1. The ball rolls into the end zone, where it is recovered by B56. Ruling: B 1/10 at the B-4.
75. A 4/10 at the R-17. K3's field goal attempt is partially blocked at the LOS and goes beyond the neutral zone in flight. It falls short of the goal post and hits in the end zone untouched by R. Ruling: R 1/10 at the R-20.

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