

2020 IHSAA Football Exam

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1	If a team on offense only has 10 players on the field, they need not have seven players on the line.	TRUE	FALSE				1	1-1-3;7-2-5a	
2	The ball may not contain the school name, logo and/or mascot.	TRUE	FALSE				2	1-3-1h	
3	Each head coach shall designate a representative who will make decisions regarding penalty acceptance or declination.	TRUE	FALSE				1	1-4-4	X
4	All players are required to wear the same color helmet.	TRUE	FALSE				2	1-5-1a	
5	Headsets may be used by players during a charged timeout when the sideline conference is used.	TRUE	FALSE				1	1-6-1	
6	Prior to the game the head coach shall be responsible for verifying to the referee that all of his team's players are equipped in compliance with the rules and will use no illegal equipment.	TRUE	FALSE				1	1-5-4	
7	A player may remain in the game with illegal equipment after enforcement of a 15-yard penalty for the infraction.	TRUE	FALSE				2	1-5-5; 9-8-1h	
8	Knee braces can be worn over the pants.	TRUE	FALSE				2	1-5-3b(3)	
9	The sleeves on the jersey must fully cover the required shoulder pads and any hard surface auxiliary attachments.	TRUE	FALSE				1	1-5-1d(3)	
10	If a player possesses the ball while airborne and is driven out-of-bounds by a defensive player prior to touching ground inbounds, it may be ruled a catch.	TRUE	FALSE				2	2-4-1	
11	Any foul that occurs after an inadvertent whistle is a dead-ball foul.	TRUE	FALSE				1	2-16-2a; 4-2-2j	
12	A multiple foul is one or more live-ball fouls by each team resulting in offsetting penalties.	TRUE	FALSE				2	2-16-2e	
13	A post-scrimmage kick foul can only occur after the kick is beyond the expanded neutral zone.	TRUE	FALSE				2	2-16-2h	
14	A team member entering the field to fill a player vacancy remains a substitute until he is on his team's side of the neutral zone.	TRUE	FALSE				1	2-32-15	
15	If K17's punt is blocked by R71 and strikes the ground and is then forced into Team K's end zone by R27, it is a touchback if K21 recovers and is downed there.	TRUE	FALSE				1	2-13-2; 8-5-3b	
16	An offensive player cannot commit a spearing foul.	TRUE	FALSE				2	2-20-1c; 9-4-3i	
17	When the ball is loose following an illegal kick, it does not retain the same status as prior to the illegal kick.	TRUE	FALSE				2	2-24-9	
18	A forward underhand pitch behind the neutral zone from A1 to A2 is an incomplete pass if not caught.	TRUE	FALSE				1	2-31-2; 2-31-4	
19	If the game is interrupted due to the weather during the last three minutes of the second period, and the delay is at least 30 minutes, the opposing coaches can mutually agree to shorten halftime intermission, provided there is at least a one-minute intermission (not including the three-minute mandatory warm-up period).	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-1-6c EXCEPTION	X
20	After a helmet comes off a Team B player, the referee will blow the ready with a 25-second play clock.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-6-1a(1) e	X
21	There is not a foul for which the penalty includes loss of a timeout.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-5	
22	Unused second half time outs may be used in overtime.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-5-1	

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23	If a player's helmet comes off without a foul occurring on the last play of the 1st quarter, that player may participate in the first play of the 2nd quarter.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-5-10d	
24	The clock starts on the snap following the enforcement of a delay of game penalty.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-4-3i	
25	If an official calls a timeout for an apparently injured player and after examination it is determined the player is not injured, the player does not need to leave the game.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-5-10a	
26	An official stops the clock for a bleeding player and his team thereafter requests a timeout, the player may remain in the game.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-5-10c	
27	The play clock is set to 40 seconds when an officials' time-out is taken for an injury to a defensive player or a defensive player has an equipment issue.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-6-1a(1)e Exceptions 2 and 3	X
28	Following a legal kick when either team is awarded a new series, the play clock will be set to 25 seconds.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-6-1a(1)f	X
29	The kickers may not advance a recovered free kick.	TRUE	FALSE				1	4-2-2g; 6-1-6	
30	If an inadvertent whistle sounds when the ball is loose on a fumble by A32 beyond the line, the down automatically counts and it is A's ball at the spot of the fumble.	TRUE	FALSE				2	4-2-3b	
31	If an inadvertent whistle sounds while A40 is in possession beyond or behind the line, the down may be replayed.	TRUE	FALSE				1	4-2-3c	
32	When a runner is airborne as he crosses the sideline, the forward progress spot is where the foremost point of the ball crosses the plane of the sideline.	TRUE	FALSE				1	4-3-3	
33	On a try, the ball is snapped from a spot designated by Team A anywhere between the hash marks on Team B's three yard line.	TRUE	FALSE				1	4-3-6a; 8-3-1	
34	If the helmet of the tackler comes off in making contact with the runner, the ball becomes dead immediately.	TRUE	FALSE				2	4-2-2k	
35	On a kickoff, it is a new series for Team R at the spot of first touching by Team K if that spot is chosen by Team R.	TRUE	FALSE				1	5-1-5e; 6-1-7	
36	If on third down, K72 recovers a blocked kick behind the neutral zone, it is fourth down for Team K at the spot of recovery.	TRUE	FALSE				1	5-1-4; 6-2-3	
37	If on third down, K20's blocked scrimmage kick goes out of bounds behind the line of scrimmage, it is fourth down for Team K at the inbounds spot.	TRUE	FALSE				2	5-1-3e; 6-2-7	
38	Whether the next down will be first down is determined at the time the ball becomes dead and after considering any act except a nonplayer foul or unsportsmanlike foul, which occurred during the down.	TRUE	FALSE				1	5-1-2a, Fundamental II-2	
39	A new series is always awarded to Team R if K41 recovers a blocked punt behind the line of scrimmage and is downed there.	TRUE	FALSE				2	5-1-4	
40	The penalty for illegal kicking or batting is 5 yards.	TRUE	FALSE				2	6-2-1 PENALTY; 9-7 PENALTY	X
41	A receiver who has given a fair catch signal shall not block until the kick has ended.	TRUE	FALSE				1	6-5-1	
42	A punt recovered behind the line may be advanced by either team.	TRUE	FALSE				1	6-2-2; 6-2-3	
43	On a kickoff, it is encroachment when, after the ball has been declared ready-for-play, a player other than the kicker or holder is beyond his free kick line.	TRUE	FALSE				1	6-1-3a	

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44	If K's kickoff from its 40 yard line goes out of bounds untouched at Team R's five yard line, Team R may choose to take the ball on Team R's 40 yard line.	TRUE	FALSE				2	6-1-9	
45	If K88 interferes with a kick catch, Team R may choose an awarded fair catch plus penalize Team K 15 yards from the spot of the foul.	TRUE	FALSE				1	6-5-6 Penalty	
46	Illegal motion, illegal shifts and false starts are all fouls simultaneous with the snap.	TRUE	FALSE				2	7-1-7; 7-2-6; 7-2-7	
47	An attempt by B to interfere with A's signals prior to the snap is a live-ball foul.	TRUE	FALSE				2	7-1-9	X
48	It is legal to spike the ball to conserve time if Team A is in a shotgun formation at the snap.	TRUE	FALSE				1	7-5-2e Exception	X
49	A forward pass caught behind the neutral zone by A76 is an illegal forward pass, but the ball remains alive when caught.	TRUE	FALSE				2	7-5-2;7-5-13	
50	If B1 tackles eligible A1 behind the line of scrimmage while the pass is in flight, it is pass interference.	TRUE	FALSE				2	7-5-7	
51	Any back or end numbered 50-59 is an ineligible pass receiver at the snap.	TRUE	FALSE				1	7-5-6a	
52	Hindering an opponent's vision without making an attempt to catch the ball is pass interference even if there is no contact.	TRUE	FALSE				2	7-5-10	
53	B46 intercepts a pass and scores a touchdown. A66 grabbed B50's face mask prior to the interception. Team B must decline the penalty to keep the touchdown.	TRUE	FALSE				1	8-2-3; 10-2-2	
54	It is a touchback if a punt lands at Team R's 10 yard line and bounces to the three yard line where R42 recovers it and his momentum takes him into the endzone where he is tackled.	TRUE	FALSE				2	8-5-2a Exception	
55	If during a touchdown a foul occurs by the opponent of the scoring team, the scoring team must decline the penalty in order to keep the score.	TRUE	FALSE				2	8-2-2	
56	A foul by Team B during a successful two-point try by Team A is enforced from the succeeding spot.	TRUE	FALSE				1	8-3-5b; 10-5-1d	
57	It is a touchback when A1 fumbles on B's 2-yard line and the ball goes into B's end zone and out-of-bounds there.	TRUE	FALSE				1	8-5-3c	
58	If B31 intercepts a pass in Team B's end zone and begins a return but is tackled in the end zone, it is a safety.	TRUE	FALSE				2	8-5-3d	
59	Team B can score on a try.	TRUE	FALSE				2	8-3-3; 8.3.3B	
60	Three coaches are allowed to be in the two-yard area between the front of the team box and sideline at any time.	TRUE	FALSE				2	9-8-3	
61	All 11 players may come near the sideline between downs to communicate with the coaches.	TRUE	FALSE				1	9-8-1f Note	
62	The horse-collar foul is enforced as a live-ball foul.	TRUE	FALSE				1	9-4-3k	
63	A face mask foul may be a five- or 15-yard penalty, but will never be an automatic first down.	TRUE	FALSE				1	9-4-3h Penalty	
64	It is legal for B98 to trip offensive lineman A77.	TRUE	FALSE				2	9-4-3o	
65	The holder on a scrimmage place kick has the same special protection as the kicker.	TRUE	FALSE				1	9-4-5	
66	A sideline warning may be given if there is no interference with a sideline official.	TRUE	FALSE				1	9-8-3 Penalty	
67	Penalties for dead-ball fouls are usually enforced separately and in the order in which they occurred.	TRUE	FALSE				1	10-2-5a	

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68	All live-ball fouls are penalized under the all-but-one principle.	TRUE	FALSE				2	10-6	
69	Under the "all-but-one" enforcement principle, all defensive fouls are penalized from the basic spot.	TRUE	FALSE				1	10-6	
70	All fouls by Team A during the down are enforced from the basic spot.	TRUE	FALSE				2	10-6	
71	Only fouls by Team B are enforced from the spot of foul.	TRUE	FALSE				2	10-6	
72	Defensive pass interference awards an automatic first down for Team A.	TRUE	FALSE				2	10-1-7	
73	If both teams foul during a change of possession down and the team in final possession did not foul prior to gaining possession, it may keep the ball, provided it declines the penalty for the opponent's foul.	TRUE	FALSE				1	10-2-2	
74	If B31 tackles A44 by grasping his face mask in Team A's end zone, the penalty will be enforced from the goal line.	TRUE	FALSE				1	10-5-2	
75	No series can ever start on a down other than first.	TRUE	FALSE				1	Fundamental II-6	