

# 2007 CCA PRESEASON EXAM

## UNAPPROVED ANSWERS (8-7-07)

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1. RULING: [A] Free kicks include kickoffs and a kick after a safety. The play clock is set to 25 seconds for all free kicks whether or not there is a TV timeout. [NEW]
2. RULING: [B] Kickoffs will be from A's 30. When there is a free kick out of bounds, the receiving team may take the ball 35 yards beyond Team A's free kick line, usually B's 35. In addition, Team B may now accept the penalty for a Team A live ball foul enforced from the out of bounds spot . An exception is an interference with opportunity foul. [NEW]
3. RULING: [A] The timeout interval has changed for TV games only. The new 60 seconds includes the 30-second timeout, the 5-seconds to announce down and distance and the 25-second play clock interval for a total of 60 seconds. This contrasts with the 60/5/25 or 90 seconds for non-TV games. [NEW]
4. RULING: [B] The referee will give the ready for play signal as soon as the umpire hands the ball to the kicker. If the bugler at Kentucky is on the field when the umpire hands the ball to the kicker, the kicker may spot the ball but the referee will delay giving the ready signal. [NEW]
5. RULING: [E] All have the end of the run as possible enforcement spots. [NEW]
6. RULING: [A B]. This is now a free kick out of bounds. The fact that the Team B player stepped on the sideline is not relevant. It is not known how or why Approved Ruling 6-2-2-IV was changed. There may be some related plays in the upcoming NCAA Bulletin. This play as written appeared on an NCAA Bulletin in 2006 but was rescinded in a subsequent Urgent NCAA Bulletin. [NEW]
7. RULING: [C] This is a free kick out of bounds. The out of bounds precedes the touching. Team A commits two live ball fouls.
8. RULING: [C] Team A commits an interference with opportunity foul. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul, the 50. The clock starts on the snap since Team B next puts the ball in play.
9. RULING: [B] A Team B player touched the ball before the ball hit the ground in Team B's end zone so the ball remains a live ball. The clock starts when the ball is completely in the field of play after bouncing off B's chest.

10. RULING: [D] A backward pass went out of bounds on A's 10. Team B could take over on downs at that spot. If the penalty is accepted, the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul resulting in a safety.

11. RULING: [A] The fumble went forward and out of bounds so is returned to the spot of the fumble, B's 18. The spot of the foul, B's 20, is in advance of the end of the run. The 15-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the end of the run, B's 18.

12. RULING: [C] The tackle is legal since it was not obvious that a kick would be made. This tackle could be a personal foul but it is not roughing the kicker.

13. RULING: [B] This interpretation appeared in an NCAA Rules Bulletin. It is reasonable to assume that most officials would have ruled this blocking below the waist a foul prior to the bulletin. Blocking below the waist is permitted until there is a change of team possession.

14. RULING: [D] Team B will elect to have the penalty enforced from the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B.

15. RULING: [D] The scrimmage kick play ended when the kicker recovered the ball on B's 48. The pass is a legal forward pass. The forward pass play starts at the snap and ends when the end catches the ball. During a down in which there is a scrimmage kick from a scrimmage kick formation, all players are prohibited from blocking below the waist except against the runner. The clock starts on the snap since this was a legal kick down.

16. RULING: [C] Assume that IBW is some sort of illegal block and that a Team A player batted the ball backwards from B's end zone. Since the illegal touching occurred in Team B's end zone, Team B may elect the touchback before the penalty is enforced. The basic enforcement spot then becomes B's 20. The 15-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the spot of the foul.

17. RULING: [B] This is not a foul. Since the Team B player was not pushed into the ball by a Team A player, the touching is not ignored. The clock starts on the snap when the ball is snapped following a free or scrimmage kick.

18. RULING: [A] The 5-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot. The clock starts on the snap when the ball is snapped following a free or scrimmage kick.

19. RULING: [D] Assume that a Team B player recovered the ball on B's 10. Team A will decline the penalty. The clock starts on the snap when the ball is snapped following a free or scrimmage kick.

20. RULING: [B] Team B will accept the penalty from the spot where the subsequent dead ball belongs to Team B. "D" is also a possible answer but highly unlikely at best.

Team B could also accept the 5-yard penalty from the previous spot with the down replayed.

21. RULING: [A] The penalty is declined by rule for accepted successful field goals.

22. RULING: [B] Postscrimmage kick enforcement includes a successful field goal as an exception. In 2006, this was covered by A.R. 10-2-2-XXIV but the rule was not changed.

23. RULING: [A] Blocking below the waist is permitted since Team A is not in a scrimmage kick formation. Blocking below the waist continues not to be allowed after a change of team possession.

24. RULING: [C] The Team B punt receiver is ruled to have not touched the kick since the ball was batted by an opponent. Team A commits two illegal touching violations.

25. RULING: [B] The kick did not cross the neutral zone. Touching is ignored in or behind the neutral zone. Any player may catch or recover the loose ball and advance.

26. RULING: [C] The kick did not cross the neutral zone. Touching is ignored in or behind the neutral zone. Any player may catch or recover the loose ball and advance. Team A failed to make a first down on fourth down.

27. RULING: [B] Postscrimmage kick enforcement applies with the end of the kick, B's 35, being the basic enforcement spot. The 10-yard penalty is enforced from the basic enforcement spot since the foul occurred in advance of this spot.

28. RULING: [B] The postscrimmage kick spot is B's 20. The 10-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the spot of the foul, B's 18.

29. RULING: [A] The postscrimmage kick spot is B's 20 since the punt is the impetus even though a Team B player touched the ball. The 10-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the spot of the foul, B's 16.

30. RULING: [C] Postscrimmage kick enforcement applies during an unsuccessful field goal attempt. The postscrimmage kick spot is B's 20 since the previous spot is inside B's 20. The 10-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the spot of the foul, B's 14.

31. RULING: [B] Team B commits an illegal batting foul. This is true whether or not the ball has hit the ground. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot. The result of the play is either a touchback or a safety depending on whether Team B batted the ball before or after the ball hit the ground.

32. RULING: [D] The run ended behind the neutral zone. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot, B's 40. Since the clock was stopped to award a first down to Team B, the clock starts on the snap.

33. RULING: [A 2/7 A35] All live ball face mask fouls by the offense and all dead ball face mask fouls carry a 15-yard penalty. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul, the 50.

34. RULING: [C] The QB must be in position to receive the snap from between the snapper's legs but he need not receive the snap. The tailback recovered a backward pass.

35. RULING: [B] Team B commits an illegal batting foul when they bat the fumble forward. The 15-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the end of the run, B's 14. Since the clock was stopped to award a first down to Team B, the clock starts on the snap.

36. RULING: [B D] The 5-yard penalty is enforced from the end of the tight end's run. There may not be more than one running play behind the neutral zone if no change of team possession occurs. In this play, there are two runs but only one running play for penalty enforcement.

37. RULING: [B] False start. The only threatened players are the snapper and the two guards.

38. RULING: [A] The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the end of the run, A's 12. There is only one running play during the down.

39. RULING: [B] The fourth down fumble was recovered in advance of the spot of the fumble so the ball is returned to the spot of the fumble. Team A has earned a first down at that spot, B's 35.

40. RULING: [A] The fourth down fumble rule only applies prior to a change of team possession.

41. RULING: [A] This is a backward pass, not a fumble. Any player may recover and advance.

42. RULING: [A] The second block is low and delayed. This is a chop block. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul, B's 39. This is not previous spot enforcement unless the foul occurs behind the neutral zone and in the field of play. Penalty enforcement results in a safety if the foul occurs in A's end zone.

43. RULING: [B] A high-low, low-high, or low-low block by nonadjacent linemen with or without a delay in the neutral zone is a chop block. The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul unless the spot of the foul is behind the neutral zone and in the field of play. Penalty enforcement results in a safety if the foul occurs in A's end zone.

44. RULING: [B] The 10-yard penalty is enforced half-the distance from the previous spot since the spot of the foul is behind the neutral zone and not in Team A's end zone.

45. RULING: [B] The 10-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the spot of the foul, A's 16, which is behind the end of the run.

46. RULING: [C] The right tackle commits an illegal touching violation. Sometime in previous years, there was talk that this might be illegal use of hands because the right tackle could not legally touch the ball.

47. RULING: [D] The 15-yard penalty is enforced from the end of the last run when that run ends beyond the neutral zone. The fumble went forward and out of bounds between the goal lines so the ball is returned to the spot of the fumble, B's 22. The clock starts on the snap because the clock was stopped to award a first down to Team B.

48. RULING: [A] The foul is not roughing the passer since the quarterback was not a passer when the foul occurred. It is not known if the pass crossed the neutral zone. However, in this question, this is not relevant since the penalty will be declined. Be advised that the quarterback is almost always (e.g. number) an eligible receiver.

49. RULING: [B] Assume that the passer was outside the pocket. The block occurred before the pass was thrown so this is not a foul. The result of the play is an incomplete legal forward pass since the pass landed beyond the neutral zone.

50. RULING: [C] Since the receiver is behind the neutral zone, he may be blocked. The receiver may not be held. Any penalty would include a first down if a legal forward pass crossed the neutral zone.

51. RULING: [B] This is a personal foul by rule and considered a live ball foul. The foul should not be penalized as defensive pass interference.

52. RULING: [C] Team B will decline offsetting fouls. Then, Team A will decline the penalty for each of Team B's two fouls. Even though all penalties will be declined, the player who committed the flagrant foul is disqualified. The quarter ends.

53. RULING: [A] Touchdown since the wide receiver was blocked out of bounds and returned immediately. Only penalties for personal fouls may be enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff.

54. RULING: [C] According to the definitions, "possesses" should replace "catches" in the first line. The defensive back is considered to have batted the legal forward pass which is legal.

55. RULING: [B] Touchdown. The pass was touched by a Team B player prior to touching by the end. The end is neither inbounds nor out of bounds when he touches the pass. This last statement is not supported by some officials.

56. RULING: [B 1/10 B2 Snap] The result of the play is a touchback since Team A provided the impetus. The 10-yard penalty is enforced half the distance from the spot of the foul, B's 4. The clock starts on the snap since Team B next snaps the ball.

57. RULING: [C] Assume that Team B elects to have the penalty enforced on the succeeding kickoff. Team A committed a personal foul during a down in which Team B scored a touchdown. The penalty may be enforced on the try or the succeeding kickoff. The period is not extended for the kickoff.

58. RULING: [B] This is a spot foul since the foul occurred outside B's 2 and less than 15 yards from the previous spot.

59. RULING: [B] The penalty, if accepted, may only be enforced on the try.

60. RULING: [A] The catch and advance is legal since the receiver was forced out of bounds and returned inbounds immediately. The receiver is neither inbounds nor out of bounds while airborne. See #55.

61. RULING: [B] The fumble went forward and out of bounds between the goal lines. The ball is returned to the spot of the fumble. Team A provided the impetus.

62. RULING: [A] The fumble went forward and out of bounds between the goal lines. The ball is returned to the spot of the fumble. The momentum rule applies.

63. RULING: [C] The player who threw the pass was outside the pocket. The pass landed beyond the neutral zone. Therefore, legal forward pass.

64. RULING: [C] On an exam, the answer is that there is no foul since the quarterback is not under duress and the pass was not thrown to conserve time. On the field in NCAA football, the quarterback is always under duress!

65. RULING: [C] The combination block was behind the neutral zone. The second block must be delayed and low to have a chop block.

66. RULING: [C] Assume that the pass crossed the neutral zone which is a reasonable assumption in this question. Defensive pass interference. Team A's ball at the spot of the foul. The penalty would be the same if the slot back was held on A's 14.

67. RULING: [A] The foul was against an eligible receiver. The legal forward pass crossed the neutral zone. The penalty carries a first down. It would not carry a first down if the pass did not cross the neutral zone. This is not defensive pass interference since the foul occurred behind the neutral zone.

68. RULING: [A] The penalty is declined by rule. A couple of years ago, distance penalties for flagrant personal fouls were enforced from the succeeding spot.

69. RULING: [A] Postscrimmage kick enforcement does not apply to tries, successful field goal attempts and extra periods.

70. RULING: [B] Game ends. The outcome of the game cannot be affected.

71. RULING: [A] Team B could score one or two points on the try. The outcome of the game could be affected.

72. RULING: [A] The try was replayed on this exam last year and nothing has changed. The following play is Play 14 from 2000 NCAA Bulletin #4:

PLAY: On Team A's two-point try, A20 is in motion illegally. Quarterback A7 is roughed by B73 on a pass that is intercepted by B45, who returns it to the 50-yard line before being downed. During the return, either team commits a live-ball foul. RULING: Replay the try (Rules 8-3-3-a, 8-3-4-c, 10-1-4 Exception 1).

After the 2006 CCA exam, the rules-editor responded in writing to a supervisor verifying that the try would be replayed. Rule 8-3-4-c perhaps could be reworded for clarity. This rule assumes two fouls, not three. The first 2007 NCAA Bulletin may have an interpretation change.

73. RULING: [A] The penalty is declined by rule. The penalty would be enforced on the retry if the try was successful.

74. RULING: [A] The 15-yard penalty for all Team B personal fouls during an accepted successful try may be enforced on the succeeding kickoff or from the succeeding spot in extra periods. Team A could accept the penalty and replay the try but that is not one of the answers.

75. RULING: [C] The 15-yard penalty for all Team B personal fouls during an accepted successful try may be enforced on the succeeding kickoff or from the succeeding spot in extra periods.

76. RULING: [B] The referee will invoke 3-4-3. The foul does not have to be intentional. The referee does not have to make this determination, intentional or not. See questions #80 & #89.

77. RULING: [C] The replay crew can help with the time if needed. This is the way it is supposed to be regardless of the technical wording of the rule.

78. RULING: [A] The clock starts on the snap per rule. Rule 3-2-5-a-4 governs.

79. RULING: [D] The 10-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul. Rule 3-4-3 is not intended to be used for live ball fouls except for illegal passes.

80. RULING: [B] The referee will invoke 3-4-3. The foul does not have to be intentional. The referee does not have to make this determination, intentional or not. See questions #76 & #89.

81. RULING: [A] The time remaining may be a little on the high side but Rule 3-4-3 could be invoked. Consideration must be given to the fact that Team A could burn 49 seconds before the snap.
82. RULING: [A 4/13 A29 Snap] The clock starts on the snap per Rule. Rule 3-4-3 does not apply.
83. RULING: [A] The clock starts on the snap following a down in which there is a free or scrimmage kick.
84. RULING: [B 1/10 B40 Snap] Assume that a Team A player downed the scrimmage kick. Since the spot of illegal touching and the dead ball spot are the same, the 5-yard penalty could be enforced at that spot. The clock starts on the snap following a down in which there is a free or scrimmage kick.
85. RULING: [A] Since time does not appear to be a factor, it may be assumed that the pass was thrown to save yardage.
86. RULING: [C] "A" may be the exam answer since the question states that the pass was to save yardage. However, on the field, the referee may rule that the grounding was to Team A's advantage as far as time is concerned.
87. RULING: [A] Dead ball foul. The referee will invoke Rule 3-4-3.
88. RULING: [B] The clock was stopped to award a first down to Team B. Thus, the clock starts on the snap.
89. RULING: [A] The referee will invoke Rule 3-4-3. The foul does not have to be intentional. The referee does not have to make this determination, intentional or not. See questions #76 & #80.
90. RULING: [A ] The clock was stopped to award a first down to Team B.
91. RULING: [C] The 5-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul which is the spot of the pass. The referee will invoke Rule 3-4-3.
92. RULING: [D] The ball went backward and out of bounds behind the spot of the fumble.
93. RULING: [C] Touchback. The fumble did not go out of bounds between the goal lines. Team B next snaps the ball so the clock starts on the snap.
94. RULING: [C] The penalty is Team A's ball at the spot of the foul. It would also be Team A's ball at the spot of the foul if the penalty was declined but the period would not be extended. Wind may be a factor.

95. RULING: [A] The penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul, B's 42, since this spot is behind the end of the run, A's 31. The period is extended since the penalty was accepted for this live ball foul.

96. RULING: [E] The ball becomes dead when the official declares it dead which is when he rules the runner out of bounds. Answer "C" is not reviewable except when the goal line, end line and side line is involved.

97. RULING: [B] Once a play is reviewed, it cannot be challenged. However, it is assumed that the coach may request a coach/referee conference if the coach believes that a rule has been enforced improperly.

98. RULING: [B] Forward progress is also reviewable when the goal line is involved.

99. RULING: [A] Touching of any kick is, as stated, reviewable. It appears that the same may not be said of a legal forward pass touched by a Team A eligible receiver.

100. RULING: [B] A forward pass or forward handing when the runner is beyond the line of scrimmage is reviewable.