

## MDAO 2020 PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL QUIZZES

Let's all hope we actually HAVE a football season this year! So, optimistically, let's start preparing ourselves physically and mentally now. This and subsequent quizzes are offered to address the latter and are based, in some instances, on **2020** rule changes.

We will tackle each of the following subjects over the next few weeks:

THE PASSING GAME

THE KICKING GAME

TIMING

PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

Answers will precede each subsequent Quiz. Some questions may have more than one correct answer.

## QUIZ #1

### THE PASSING GAME

**Q1.** Late in the game on 1<sup>st</sup> down, QB, A10, takes the snap and throws the ball forward directly into the ground to stop the clock. In which of the following situations is this action legal?

- A. Immediately following a direct hand-to hand snap
- B. Immediately following receiving a snap while in a shotgun formation
- C. Immediately after recovering or mishandling any snap
- D. A10, now a half-back lined up directly behind the snapper in a shotgun formation, takes the snap

**Q2.** Under which situation(s) is/are pass(es) illegal?

- A. When either of a passer's feet is beyond the neutral zone when a forward pass is released
- B. After being thrown forward by either team following a change of possession
- C. When it's the second forward pass by A during the down
- D. When, under duress, the pass is thrown into an area not occupied by an eligible receiver
- E. When a pass is thrown backward out of bounds to save yardage
- F. When a pass is thrown backward to stop the clock
- G. When a ball is "spiked" if snapped from a shotgun formation

**Q3.** When a completed pass is thrown forward from beyond the neutral zone, from where is the foul, if any, enforced?

**Q4.** When an illegal forward pass is incomplete, when does the clock start following enforcement of a penalty?

- A. On the snap
- B. Following enforcement of the penalty, on the RFP
- C. Either on the snap or RFP at the choice of the offended team - if in the last 2 minutes of either half
- D. At the discretion of the R if he thinks the pass was designed to conserve time

**Q5.** True or False: Receiver eligibility applies to both legal and illegal passes?

**Q6.** Yes or No: When A10's pass hits ineligible A75 while **behind** the neutral zone a) in the back, or b) in the chest and A75 makes no attempt to catch the pass, or c) A75 catches the pass, is there a foul for illegal touching?

- A. In "a"
- B. In "b"
- C. In "c"

**Q7.** If A75 is **beyond** the neutral zone when he is inadvertently touched by A10's pass, a) has a foul been committed and 2) what is the foul?

**Q8.** True or False: A snapper may be an eligible receiver

**Q9.** Yes or No: If tackle A76 goes downfield 3 yards, does not block a Team B player, but realizes his mistake and retreats behind the NZ before a legal pass that crosses the expanded neutral zone is thrown, what, if any, foul has he committed?

**Q10.** Play: A85 runs his pass route directly at B39 who is standing on his 30 yd line. Before a pass that crosses the neutral zone is thrown, B (a) knocks A85 to the ground; or (b) A85 cuts at a 90-degree angle immediately in front of B39 who then shoves A85 down as A85 is moving away. A pass is then thrown which falls incomplete. Ruling?

- A. DPI in "a"
- B. DPI in "b"
- C. Illegal use of hands in "a"
- D. Illegal use of hands in "b"
- E. No foul in "a"
- F. No foul in "b"

**Q11.** A25 is airborne when he receives a legal forward pass. Before returning to the ground, A25 bats the ball a) forward or b) backward to his teammate, A80, who catches the ball and runs for an apparent TD. Is this play:

- A. Legal in "b" but not in "a"
- B. Legal in "a" but not in "b"
- C. Legal in both "a" and "b"
- D. A foul for illegal batting
- E. A foul for a second forward pass in "a"

**Q12.** True or False: **Pass Interference** can only occur:

- A. On a legal forward pass
- B. Beyond the neutral zone
- C. If the pass crosses the neutral zone
- D. When the pass is untouched by B in/behind the neutral zone
- E. Away from the direction of the pass
- F. When a pass is “catchable”
- G. Against any eligible opponent
- H. Before restrictions end
- I. Whether physical contact occurs or not

**Q13.** True or False: **Offensive Pass Interference**

- A. Restrictions begin when the pass is thrown
- B. A “pick” play can be legal
- C. After eligible A87 touches - but does not possess - a legal forward pass, and the ball is still in the air, A55 may touch the pass
- D. Illegal touching carries a loss of down penalty

**Q14.** True or False: **Defensive Pass Interference**

- A. Restrictions for B start at the snap
- B. Pass restrictions end for B when the pass is touched by an eligible A player
- C. DPI fouls on a touchdown play may carry over to OT
- D. DPI carries an automatic 1<sup>st</sup> down

**Q15.** True or False: Roughing the passer may occur only when:

- A. The foul occurs against the QB
- B. Prior to the pass being released
- C. The foul occurs if the pass is released in or behind the neutral zone

**Q16.** RTP fouls may be enforced from:

- A. the previous spot
- B. The dead ball spot when the play ends beyond the neutral zone and there has been no COP
- C. The dead ball spot is considered to be the spot of A's fumble following a fumble of a completed pass beyond the neutral zone that subsequently rolls out of bounds,

Bonus Play: 3<sup>rd</sup> and goal for A at the B12. A13 is roughed as his pass is completed to eligible A83 at the B3 - who then fumbles the ball into B's end zone and over the end line. What is the next down, from where is the ball next snapped, and by which team?