

MDAO PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL QUIZ #4

PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

This is the final 2020 Pre-Season Football Quiz for MDAO members. We hope you have found the preceding 3 quizzes challenging and helpful in getting you ready for the up-coming season.

Quiz #4, Penalty Enforcement, is considerably longer than earlier ones because of the complexity of the topic itself AND to stress the importance of ensuring that proper enforcement of penalties is truly a **CREW RESPONSIBILITY**.

The NFHS Rules and Case Books have become increasingly complex over the years. There are well over 300 “exceptions” within the rules themselves as well as how violations are handled. While we should strive to master every exception or nuance, it is a virtual impossibility for one person, the Referee, at the High School level, to carry the complete burden.

Every official should endeavor to study not only rules that apply to their “position” but the entire set of rules. If any crew member sees – or even suspects - a misapplication of a penalty, it is his/her responsibility to bring that concern to the attention of the Referee. **THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THE ERRONEOUS ENFORCEMENT OF A PENALTY.**

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(Answers to Quiz #3 appear at the end of Quiz #4)

There may be more than one correct answer

- Q1. True or False: The terms “foul” and “penalty” are interchangeable
- Q2. True or False: Every penalty is enforced from previous spot, the succeeding spot, the spot of the foul, or the post scrimmage kick spot
- Q3. True or False: By rule, the team captain may be the only **PLAYER** designated to decide if a penalty will be accepted or declined
- Q4. True or False: The offended team **ALWAYS** may decline its opponent’s foul
- Q5. True or False: Prior to the game, the head coach may designate any representative to decide on acceptance or declination of an opponent’s foul
- Q6. Which of the following may off-set/replay?
- A. A live ball foul by A and a dead ball foul by B
 - B. A 5 yd dead ball foul by B followed by a 15 yd dead ball foul by A
 - C. A 5 yd live ball foul by A followed by a 15 yd live ball foul by B

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Q7. The basic spot for foul by the team in possession during running plays is:

- A. The previous spot
- B. The spot of the foul
- C. The succeeding spot
- D. The end of the run

Q8. The basic spot for loose ball plays is:

- A. The previous spot.
- B. The spot of the foul
- C. The succeeding spot

Q9. True or False: There may be only one loose ball play during a down.

Q10. Play: 2/10 for A from their 6 yd line. A10 drops to pass and is tackled by the facemask in his EZ. From where is the face mask foul enforced?

- A. The previous spot
- B. The succeeding spot (play results in a safety) – A's 20
- C. The goal line

Q11. True or False: Accepted dead ball fouls are always enforced from the succeeding spot

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Q12. Play: 3/10 for A from the A40. QB, A10, throws a forward pass which is caught at the A45. During the pass, A60 holds at the A35. From where is A's foul enforced?

- A. A's 40
- B. A's 45
- C. A's 35

Q13. Same play as Q12 - but this time A60 does NOT hold - and B1 grabs and twists A 60's facemask at the A38. From where should this foul be enforced?

- A. A's 40
- B. A's 45
- C. A's 38

Q14. Play: 4/20 for K from their 35. K15's short punt is fair caught by R20 at the 50. During the kick, K60 holds at the K33. If accepted, from where may K60's foul be enforced?

- A. The previous spot: K's 35 - replay the down
- B. The spot of the foul: K's 33 – replay the down
- C. The succeeding spot: the 50 – R's ball @ K's 40

Q15. True or False: When each team fouls during a play involving a change of possession, and the team in final possession has not fouled before gaining possession, they have first choice to accept or decline its opponent's foul

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Q16. Play: K20 punts from their 30 - and from an illegal formation. R15 catches and returns the kick to the 50. After the play, K44 commits an USC foul. What are R's options?

- A. Decline both fouls. R's ball at the 50
- B. Decline the IF foul and accept the USC foul. R's ball at the K35
- C. Accept both fouls. K would then replay the down from their 12.5 yd line
- D. Accept both fouls. R would then snap the ball from the K30 yd line

Q17. Play: A, 3/10 at their 30. A50 holds at the A25 during A12's pass which is intercepted by B23 and returned for a TD. How may A50's foul be enforced?

- A. The foul must be declined to keep the TD.
- B. The scoring team may choose to enforce the foul on the PAT or kick-off

Q18. Play: In overtime, A scores a TD; but prior to the Try, B1 commits an UNS foul. From where should this foul be enforced?

- A. On the first play of B's series. 1st and goal for B
- B. On the Try

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Q19. True or False: If a foul occurs during a play where an inadvertent whistle is blown, the penalty is enforced and the IW is ignored.

Q20. Play: 4/6 at K's 35. R39 fields K11's legal punt at the R30 and returns it for an apparent TD (a) During the kick, or (b), during the return, K65 clips R62. If accepted what is the correct enforcement in each case?

- A. In "a", enforce only on the try which is the succeeding spot – the foul occurred before the COP.
- B. In "b", enforce either on the try or kick-off as the foul occurred after the COP
- C. In "a" and "b", the foul must be declined to keep the TD

Q21. Play: 4/10 for K from their 15 yd line. K11 muffs the snap and, in a panic, kicks the loose ball from his 4 yd line into and out of his EZ resulting in a safety. What are R's options?

- A. Accept the foul and K must replay the down from their 2
- B. Accept the foul and K must kick from their 15 (the previous spot) following the safety
- C. Decline the foul K must kick from their 20

Q22. True or False: A foul that occurs simultaneously with the snap is an exception to the all-but-one principle.

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Q23. Play: 4/3 for A from the B33. B66 contacts A55 (not forcefully) prior to the snap. A55 retaliates by shoving B66 to the ground. Which enforcement(s) is/are correct?

- A. Off-setting dead ball fouls. Replay from the B33
- B. Enforce both fouls making it 4/13 for A from the B43
- C. Enforce both fouls making it 1/10 for A from the B43

Q24. True or False: When a dead ball foul occurs after a series ends, but prior to the RFP, the penalty is enforced before the line to gain is established

Q25. Play: 4/7 for A from the B35. A10 gains 5 yds. B33 piles on. Ruling?

- A. 1/10 for A from the B15
- B. 1/10 for B from the B15

Q26. True or False: Any defensive foul is enforced from the goal line if the run ends in the EZ and results in a safety

Q27. True or False: When the momentum exception is in effect, the end of the run is the spot of the catch or recovery for penalty enforcement purposes

Q28. The penalty for a player who is not properly equipped is:

- A. Removal from the game until he is (at least 1 play)
- B. A 5yd delay of game foul
- C. Both a 5yd delay of game foul and removal
- D. An UNS foul against the head coach

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Q29. Play: A10's pass is intercepted by B22 in B's EZ. During the return, while still in the EZ, B22 is hit and fumbles the ball.

PRIOR to the fumble, A40 commits a personal foul against B66.

A15 subsequently recovers the fumble at the B4 yd line. What is the result of the play and from where is A40's foul enforced?

- A. A, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the B4 yd line
- B. A, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the goal line
- C. B, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the goal line
- D. B, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the B4 yd line
- E. B, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the B20 yd line

Q30. Play: Same as play #29 except, this time, A40 fouls AFTER the B22's fumble. What is the result of the play, and from where is B40's foul enforced?

- A. A, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the B4 yd line
- B. A, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the goal line
- C. B, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the goal line
- D. B, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the B4 yd line
- E. B, 1/10 after a 15 yd penalty from the B20 yd line

Q31. Play: B33 intercepts a pass at his 3 yd line and his momentum carries him into his EZ where he is tackled by the face mask. From where is the facemask foul enforced?

- A. The 3 yd line
- B. The Goal Line
- C. The 20 yd line

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Q32. True or False: Roughing the Passer may be enforced from:

- A. The previous spot
- B. The spot of the foul
- C. The dead ball spot
- D. The spot of a fumble if the play results in a change of possession
- E. The previous spot if the play results in no practical dead ball spot
- F. The spot of the fumble if the ball ultimately goes OOB

Q33. True or False: All Roughing the Kicker fouls are enforced from the spot of the foul.

Q34. True or False: A PSK foul can only occur if the foul occurs beyond the expanded neutral zone

Q35. True or False: PSK is not applicable in overtime

Q36. True or False: PSK enforcement may apply to unsuccessful field goal attempts

Q37. Yes or No: 4/10 for K from their 35. During K's scrimmage kick that crosses the expanded neutral zone, R22 holds K10 at the K45. R catches the kick at the R40 and during the return, fumbles and K33 recovers. Can R22'S foul be enforced as PSK?

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Q38. Play: K4/20 @ the K40. Team K is in legal scrimmage kick formation. Immediately after the snap, guard #66 is “lit up” by the DT #77. Punter K10 muffs the snap, recovers, but kicks the ball out of bounds at the K30. How is the UNR foul enforced?

- A. This is a running play. Tack the 15 yd penalty onto the end of K40’s recovery. Replay 4th down from the K45
- B. This is a loose ball play. Enforce the 15 yd penalty from the previous spot. Replay 4th down; 4/5 for K from the R45
- C. This is a PSK foul. Enforce from the end of the kick – 1/10 for R

Q39. True or False: PSK enforcement is an exception to the “clean hands rule”

Q40. True or False: If both teams foul during an unsuccessful Try, the down is replayed by rule, and the offense may choose to snap anywhere between the hash marks

Q41. True or False: During a Try, if A’s foul includes a loss of down, the Try is not replayed

Q42. True or False: Live ball fouls by the opponents of the scoring team when a TD or Field Goal is scored, may be carried over to either the Try or succeeding kick-off

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Q43. True or False: Any foul by B that occurs before a change of possession on a non-kick scoring play cannot carry over to either the Try or succeeding kick-off

Q44. Which of the following penalties **MAY BE CARRIED OVER** from regulation to overtime play?

- A. Fouls before a COP (excluding non-player or UNS fouls) by the non-scoring team during a TD
- B. Live ball fouls - or live ball fouls treated as dead ball fouls - by Team B/R during a successful Try or Field Goal (K may choose to replay the down or carry the penalty over)
- C. Non-player and UNS fouls by either team during a TD play
- D. Penalties for dead ball fouls by either team during or after a TD and prior to the initial RFP on the try

Q45. True or False: If B commits both a live ball foul during a successful Try, followed by a dead ball foul, and the live ball penalty is accepted, BOTH penalties must be enforced on the replay of the Try

QUIZ #4 ANSWERS WILL FOLLOW IN A WEEK

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ANSWERS

Q1. True

Q2. B

Q3. A

Q4. B

Q5. A

Q6. False

Q7. True

Q8 True

Q9. False

Q10. False

Q11. C

Q12. B, D

Q13. A, B, F are True; the rest are False

Q14. A, B

Q15. False

Q16. C, D

Q17. A, B

Q18. C

Q19. B, C

Q20. B,E,G

