



OFF SEASON QUIZ #1

For each question, write down your answer and provide an explanation for your answer.

Example:

On the opening kickoff Team A kicks the ball to Team B at the Team B 10 yard line. Team B catches the ball and begins to run up field. While at his own 20 yard line an official calls Team A for UR (Unnecessary roughness). The Team B player manages to continue running and finally gets tackled at his own B 40 yard line. You are Referee. What is your ruling (include all options listing the most likely option to be accepted 1st).

The answer would be - Team B ball, 15 yards up from the PBD (Point ball dead) In this case since the play ended at the B40 the 15 yard penalty would then be applied and it would be Team B 1st and 10 at mid field.

A UR call is an additive penalty to any gains made. The penalty *could* be applied from PBH (point ball held) at the time of the offence but that selection would never be taken so it would not be offered as an option.

The intent is not just to answer yes or no and get lucky, but rather to get you to think about the call and the potential applications. There is no attempt at double negatives or tricks, just situations that do occur. Don't read anything into the question other than what it says. I have tried to be as clear as possible.

Good luck.

- 1) On a kickoff, the ball bounces in the field of play then prior to touching any player strikes the flexible marker at the intersection of the goal line and side line. You are the downfield official covering the kick. Has a point been scored? What is your ruling?
- 2) Amateur Leagues affiliated with Football Canada are expected to abide by the rules outlined in the rule book. Explain the procedure (and where you would find it) if a league wishes to deviate from the rule book.
- 3) During the play, the ball is fumbled. A defender picks up the ball while the ball is lying on the ground. By definition, is the play dead as the player would be in possession of a ball on the ground? What is your ruling, and why?
- 4) Team "A" 1st and goal to go at the "B" 2 yard line. The QB hands off to his fullback who crosses the LOS and is twisted around so that while in possession of the ball the players back strikes the goal post. The Umpire **immediately** blows his whistle signaling TD. Is he correct? Explain your answer.

- 5) On a field goal the official covering is under his goal post. The ball is kicked high directly over his post. Has a field goal been scored or not. Defend your answer.

- 6) At the start of each game one team has a choice to take the ball, kick off, defend an end or defer to the next half to make their choice. Explain who has the choice at the start in Midget, Major, High School and Junior Leagues.

- 7) In Midget football in Manitoba how long is the half time? Where can the amount of time that is to be allocated to half time be located?

- 8) At the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters explain the responsibility of each official before the 1st play of the next quarter. (Don't over think this question, just imagine the quarter has ended and what everyone should be doing.)

- 9) Team "A" scores a TD and lines up for a convert. The holder is on his knees and receives the snap. He stands up and throws a pass into the EZ (End Zone) where it is caught by an eligible Team A player. The official rules 2 points have been scored. Is he correct? Defend your answer.

- 10) Team A punt. The ball strikes the ground (it has not been touched by any player and has not been blown dead i.e. falling into a group of players). **No yards** is **NOT** the issue. The issue is the legality of the blocking and whether loose ball interference has occurred or not, and what (if any) penalties have occurred).

Team B blocks a Team A player from the side, above the waist as both players are approaching the ball and are about 5 yards from the ball. and no other players of either team are within 5 yards of the ball . Has illegal interference on a loose ball occurred? (Hint - check the rulebook before answering).

Same play, with both players about 5 yards from the ball, and no other players of either team within 5 yards of the ball, Team B blocks a Team A player below the waist. Team B 1st touches the ball 1st and ultimately recovers the loose ball. What is your ruling?

- 11) Team B intercept a forward pass in their own end zone. While attempting to advance the ball out of his end zone fumbles and before hitting the ground the ball strikes the upright and is recovered by a Team B member in his own EZ (end zone). Your ruling?

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12) On a running scrimmage play, the sideline official's mechanics are to move forward with the ball as it crosses the LOS (Line of Scrimmage) and once the ball carrier is down to move in towards the spot at a 90 degree angle with his hand raised to indicate he has the spot. Is this the correct mechanic for amateur football in Canada? Explain your answer.

13) HS game. On a scrimmage play in the 4th quarter the Team A coach sends a sub in. The Ref notes that Team A now has 13 men in the huddle so he **immediately** blows his whistle and penalizes Team A for "13 men in the huddle". Is he correct? Explain and defend your answer with your reason.

14) There is 15 seconds left on the game clock in a tie playoff game. Team A run a play up the middle and the runner and middle linebacker have a violent collision, head to head. When the play ends the clock is stopped with 5 seconds left. Team A is now on the Team B 5 yard line. The Team A runner is also the field goal kicker. An official brings to your attention the Team A player may be injured or concussed. As time is stopped you take a quick look at the player and his eyes are rolling from the vicious hit he just took but refuses to go down or leave the game. What (if anything) should you do as the Referee? Describe how you would handle the situation?

15) Team A throw a forward pass 10 yards over the middle. The receiver catches the ball and as he begins to turn the defender drives into him with his shoulder. (This occurs in a split second, **PI** (Pass Interference) is **NOT** the issue). The official rules that although the receiver did catch the ball he was in a defenseless and vulnerable position upon making the catch and calls Team B for UR (unnecessary roughness). Is he correct? Explain your reason and what you would do.