

WDFOA rules exam

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Instructions: Use last year's rulebook. Indicate True or False on answer sheet and provide rule reference(s). Return answer sheet only to John Luther, 12536 Belfield Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192.

Note: In the exam situations, A is the team that puts the ball in play and B is the opponent. K is the kicking team and R is the receiving team. A1, B1, R1 and K1 are players of these teams. If team possession changes during the down, each team retains its identity. In kicking situations, it is not during a try and no fair-catch signal has been given unless specified. Unless stated, acts occur while the ball is inbounds, a forward pass is legal, and any out-of-bounds is between the goal lines. Line means scrimmage line. Reference to a foul is to a player foul that is not unsportsmanlike. There is no foul or change of possession, unless it is mentioned, and penalties are considered accepted for enforcement.

1. On a try, if A scores what would normally be a safety, they are awarded one point.
2. Gloves must be ruled illegal regardless of the material from which they are made.
3. A fumble by A1, which is recovered by B1 who is in contact with the sideline, becomes dead when touched and belongs to Team A.
4. The restrictions on players being in the team box extend from the 35-yard line to the 35-yard line.
5. On kicks entering R's end zone, the determination of force dictates whether it is a touchback or a safety.
6. No player of R may advance the ball after a valid or invalid fair catch signal by any receiver.
7. A foul which occurs simultaneously with the snap is an exception to the all-but-one enforcement principle.
8. After the passer has clearly released the ball from in or behind the neutral zone, Team B must make a definite effort to avoid charging into the passer.
9. When R1 muffs a scrimmage kick beyond the neutral zone and K1 recovers beyond the neutral zone, the ball remains live and K1 may advance.
10. If the helmet of the tackler comes off in making contact with the runner, the ball becomes dead immediately.

11. If during the last timed down of a period B1 holds A1 and B2 intercepts A2's pass and scores a touchdown, the period cannot be extended.
12. It is a safety if A1's fumble is declared dead in B's end zone, other than from an inadvertent whistle, and no player of either team is in possession.
13. Team A may punt, drop kick or placekick from in or behind the neutral zone before team possession has changed.
14. A player's jersey number must be block style.
15. If a team has used its three charged time-outs during a half, it may not call another time-out to review the possible misapplication of a rule.
16. If R1 gives an invalid fair-catch signal and R2 catches the scrimmage kick, R may retain possession if the penalty is accepted.
17. If there is no change of team possession, a foul, other than unsportsmanlike, on each team during a down results in a double foul.
18. The penalty for a chop block is 5 yards.
19. Illegal participation is a nonplayer foul.
20. A second down scrimmage kick which goes out of bounds between the goal lines belongs to K.
21. Initial force results from a carry, fumble, kick, pass or snap.
22. The penalty for holding by B1 is 5 yards and an automatic first down.
23. When the final result of a down is a touchback, the basic spot is the goal line.
24. A free kick ends as soon as the ball is touched beyond the neutral zone.
25. The free-blocking zone disintegrates when the direction of the play is established.
26. The penalty for an unsportsmanlike foul is enforced from the spot of the foul.
27. If R is first to touch a scrimmage kick beyond the expanded neutral zone, the series is ended unless the penalty is accepted for a foul which occurred after the kick ended.
28. B1 cannot commit pass interference after a forward pass has been touched by eligible A1.
29. If on a third down K1, while on the ground, recovers a blocked punt behind the neutral zone, it is fourth down for K at the spot of recovery.

30. If B fouls during a successful kick try, Team A may have the penalty enforced on the kickoff if the score is accepted.
31. When an awarded fair catch is chosen due to a kick catching interference foul, the result of the play is the same as if the kick had been caught at the spot of the interference.
32. It is permissible to use college or professional fields with inbounds lines marked at the distance specified by their respective codes.
33. All roughing the kicker fouls are penalized from the spot of the foul.
34. When R1 gains possession of a free kick, blocking below the waist by teammates is legal.
35. If K1 commits kick catching interference and the distance penalty is enforced, K will keep the ball.
36. If B1 intercepts a pass on his 2-yard line and voluntarily carries the ball into his end zone and is tackled there, it is a safety.
37. When any required equipment is missing, correction must be made before participation.
38. Grabbing an opponent's face mask or any edge of a helmet opening carries an automatic first down or loss of down, plus the regular distance penalty.
39. If the penalty is accepted for an ineligible illegally downfield on a 4th down play which is also the last timed down of a period, it will be B's ball for an untimed down.
40. The ball is live only during a down.
41. If there is a question regarding legality of a player's equipment, the referee makes the final decision.
42. The down is replayed if an inadvertent whistle sounds during the snap.
43. If time for any period expires during a down, play shall continue until the down ends.
44. The ball becomes dead when an illegal forward pass is simultaneously caught by opposing players.
45. The penalty for roughing the snapper is 15 yards and an automatic first down.
46. When a false start occurs, the official shall sound his whistle immediately.
47. There can be no illegal shift unless the ball is snapped.

48. The inbounds lines are a series of hash marks parallel with the sidelines which divide the field longitudinally into thirds.
49. The goal line pylons may be any color as long as they are the same color.
50. The line of scrimmage for each team is a vertical plane through the point of the ball nearest the team's goal line.
51. A foul is a rule infraction for which a penalty is prescribed.
52. A multiple foul is one or more live ball fouls by each team at such a time that the penalties offset.
53. A substitute is a team member who may replace a player or fill a player vacancy.
54. Team A and Team B players eligible at the snap remain eligible throughout the down.
55. Force is not a factor when a backward pass or fumble is declared dead in the end zone of the opponent of the player who passed or fumbled, with no player in possession.
56. A disqualified player shall be removed even if the penalty for the foul is declined.
57. The restriction on prohibiting blocking below the waist is in effect even though the opponent has both feet off the ground when contacted by the blocker.
58. The passer is an eligible pass receiver provided he was an end or legally behind his line of scrimmage at the snap and was numbered 1-49 or 80-99.
59. A 'foul' refers to a player foul which is not unsportsmanlike.
60. During a scrimmage down, the unexpanded neutral zone is as wide as the length of the football.
61. Following an interception by B1 on his 4-yard line, if B1's original momentum carries him into his own end zone where he fumbles and A1 recovers in B's end zone, it is a safety.
62. To complete a catch, an airborne player must have possession of the ball and come down with both feet inbounds unless an opponent's contact causes him to first touch out of bounds.
63. The clock operator shall be approved by the referee.
64. There can be no interference if the pass does not cross the neutral zone.

65. It is legal for K1 to block below the waist in an effort to break up the receiver's blocking wedge on a kick return.
66. If a field-goal attempt does not break the plane of R's goal line, R1 may catch or recover the kick and advance.
67. The spot of a foul is where the foul occurs.
68. If each team fouls during the down resulting in penalties that cancel, it is a double foul.
69. A kickoff is a free kick which puts the ball in play at the beginning of each half, after a successful field goal and after any try.
70. If a player intentionally contacts an official, it results in a 15-yard penalty, plus disqualification of the offender.
71. Encroachment is a dead-ball foul.
72. No live-ball foul causes the ball to become dead.
73. Contacting the opponent's face mask with the hand is not a face mask foul unless the mask is grasped.
74. If B1 interferes with A's offensive signals, it is a live ball foul.
75. If one coach goes to the huddle on the field for 30 seconds, another coach may then confer for the time remaining as long as only one coach is in the huddle at any given time.
76. A kicker continues to be a kicker until the kick has ended.
77. The snapper may lift the ball for lateral rotation, but may not rotate the ball end-for-end or change the location of the ball.
78. No single charged time-out shall exceed one minute.
79. There is no limit on the number of coaches that may participate in a coach-referee conference.
80. Following a scrimmage kick by K1, the loose ball play ends when R1 touches the kick.
81. If B1 intercepts a forward pass in B's end zone and drops to one knee, it is a touchback.
82. All 11 players may come to within 5 yards of the sideline in front of the team box for a conference during a charged team time-out.
83. If an official detects a bleeding player, an official's time-out occurs.
84. If A1 appears injured and an official calls time-but, A1 must leave the game for at least one play.

85. A defensive player shall not contact an eligible receiver who is no longer a potential blocker.
86. It is legal for flanker A1 to block back toward the snap provided his initial contact is above the opponent's waist and is not from the rear.
87. The runner may use his hands or arms to ward off or push an opponent.
88. Batting a fumble in flight is illegal.
89. After touching the ball, the snapper may remove both hands from the ball.
90. If A1 is using the numbering exception, he must assume an initial position on his line of scrimmage between the ends, and he remains an ineligible forward pass receiver during the down, or until B touches the pass.
91. If B1 recovers a scrimmage kick on B's 2-yard line and his momentum carries him into the end zone and he is downed there, it is B's ball at the 2-yard line.
92. After a team has used its three charged time-outs in a half, a time-out request for a designated injured player must be denied.
93. After the ball is ready for play, each Team A player must momentarily be within 10 yards of the ball before the snap.
94. Any player of A numbered 1-49 or 80-99 who is an interior lineman at the snap is not an eligible pass receiver.
95. It is encroachment when following the ready-for-play, interior lineman A1 assumes a three-point stance with his head in the neutral zone and the snapper has his hands on the ball.
96. Once a grounded scrimmage kick is beyond the neutral zone, K1 may not bat it back toward K's goal line.
97. It is possible for a Team B player to clip.
98. It is legal for linebacker B1 to position himself on the shoulders of lineman B2 in an effort to block a field-goal attempt.
99. Receivers may legally apply sticky foreign material on their hands as an aid in catching the ball.
100. The penalty for illegal batting is 15 yards and loss of down.

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