

OFFICIALS GHSA PART II TEST STUDY GUIDE

This is a collection of true statements as they relate to the test

RESTRICTED AREA VIOLATION

- 1ST flag is a warning
- 2nd flag is 5 yard penalty
- 3rd flag is a 15 yard penalty for **unsportsmanlike conduct** charged to the HC
- 4th flag is a 15 yard penalty for **unsportsmanlike conduct** charged to the HC **and he is ejected**

CONTACT IN THE RESTRICTED AREA

If any non-player, coach or sideline personnel makes unintentional contact with an official in the restricted area

- 1ST occurrence is 15 yard personal foul charged to the HC
- 2nd occurrence is 15 yard personal foul charged to the HC **and he is ejected**

BLOCKING

- If one player blocks an opponent below the knees and one player blocks the same opponent above the knees it is an illegal **chop block**
- Timing is **not a factor** for the two blocks that make up a chop block
- It is not a chop block if two players within the free blocking zone block the same opponent below the knees
- Blocking below the waist is a **15 yard** penalty
- From a 2-point stance A75 can **retreat and cut block** an oncoming defensive lineman if the QB still has the ball in the zone, and both A75 and defensive player are still in the zone

PENALTY ADMINISTRATION

- A live ball foul and a dead ball foul on the same play **do not** offset each other
- A horse collar foul (live ball) and a restricted area foul (dead ball) do not offset
- One restricted area violation and one unintentional contacting an official in the restricted area **do not combine** to eject the HC. One is a personal foul and one is unsportsmanlike
- If a foul for unintentional contacting an official in the restricted area happens early in the game then a foul for a restricted area violation occurs later in the game- it will result in a warning
- A live ball foul and a dead ball foul are both enforced
- Two dead ball fouls do not off-set; they are both penalized in order of occurrence
- If an inadvertent whistle on the last play of a period causes the down to be replayed, the period must be extended
- During a successful try, a foul on B allows team A to replay the down, or take it on the kick off
- If Team B intercepts a pass and during the following run both teams commit a live ball foul; Team B can keep the ball by declining the foul of team A.
- If a run ends with the ball in possession of A in A's end zone it would be a safety. If a foul is called on B during the run, the penalty would be enforced from the goal line.

MISC. RULES

- Grabbing the shirt sleeve and pulling the runner backward is **not** a horse collar
- All horse collar fouls are live ball fouls
- Any thigh guard that is unaltered from the manufacture's original design is legal

- An injured player must sit out one play and a time out will not remove this restriction
- Two fouls for unintentional contact on an official in the restricted area (by anyone) results in HC being ejected
- Two 15 yard penalties for violations of the restricted area result in the HC being ejected
- If QB 10 muffs the snap from under center, he cannot legally spike the ball
- There is no formation or shift that will allow 50-79 to be a pass receiver
- Secure possession and one foot on the ground in bounds is all that is needed to complete a catch
- A passer must not break the plane of the opponents side of the neutral zone
- Any pass in flight may be batted in any direction, by an eligible receiver unless it is a backward pass batted forward by the passing team.
- If a player is in motion, other players are not allowed to alter their stance or position
- Stepping out of bounds to avoid a blocker is a form of illegal participation if the player returns and participates in the play

SUBSTITUTIONS

- The whistle should be blown and a flag thrown for illegal substitution as soon as 12 players are identified in the formation (Offense or Defense)
- It is not a foul if a substitute enters the huddle as the huddle is breaking

SCRIMMAGE KICKS

- If R blocks a 4th down punt behind the LOS, and K falls on it behind the LOS the ball belongs to R
- When punting on 1st-2nd or 3rd down there is NO numbering exception. Team A must have 5 linemen numbered from 50-79 on the los
- If K is in short punt formation with the punter 8 yards deep the snapper does not get protection
- Momentum applies to a grounded scrimmage kick
- If R10 runs with the ball after giving a fair catch signal it is a dead ball foul
- A fair catch signal may be given on a punt, only if the ball is beyond the neutral zone
- If K blocks R into a grounded scrimmage kick or causes the ball to hit R, it does not cause team R to lose their right of "first touching"
- If R muffs a scrimmage kick and is trying to recover it; K can push, pull or shove him out of the way, but is not allowed to hold (tackle) him

FREE KICKS

- Any kick is dead when it crosses the plane of R's goal line (except a FG/Try)
- If a free kick is muffed by R10 and then the ball goes into the end zone; it is a touchback
- If a free kick is knocked out of bounds by K without R touching it; K will be penalized for kicking the ball out of bounds
- K is penalized for kick-catch interference if they touch the ball before it touches the ground
- It is first touching if K touches the grounded kick before it travels 10 yards
- It becomes a dead ball when K possesses the kick

TIME OUTS

- Only one type of time out can be used per charged time out
- If a player goes to the sideline to confer with a coach; the coach cannot then go to the huddle
- If several coaches come to the field to check on an injured player; they must all attend to the

injured player, and not have conversations with other players