

50 NCAA RULES STUDY QUESTIONS

Winter 2018 – No Answers

Unless noted, assume game clock reads 7:00 in the second quarter. These answers are assuming replay is not available. Some of these questions wade into “grey areas” to generate conversation. You should confirm philosophy and enforcement with your coordinator.

1) A 2/4 B-18. With 1:34 remaining in the second quarter, A7 takes a shotgun snap and throws a pass to A11, who is standing in the end zone. The ball crosses the sideline in flight at the half-yard-line without ever going inside the pylon. A11 catches the ball with both feet still touching the ground in the end zone. He then falls to the ground and never loses possession.

2) A 2/4 B-18. With 1:34 remaining in the second quarter, A7 takes a shotgun snap and throws a pass to A11 at the B-14. At the B-2 he leaps in the air and the ball crosses the sideline at the half-yard-line. He lands out of bounds past the goal line still in possession of the ball.

3) A 3/G B-12. With :05 left in the game and A trailing, 23-21, A7 takes a shotgun snap and throws a pass to A11, who catches the ball at the B-8. At the B-1, B54 punches the ball out of A11's hands and the ball goes into the end zone. While players scramble for the ball, B25 bats the ball out of the back of the end zone. Time has expired on the play.

4) FREE KICK A-35. A7 legally kicks the ball deep. As the ball is in the air, B57 lines up A7 in his sights and, at the 50-yard-line, slams his shoulder into the shoulder of an unsuspecting A7, slamming him to the ground. The kick is caught by B25 at the B-6 and advanced to the A-40, where he is tackled.

5) A 3/10, B-30. B27 intercepts a forward pass at the B-6 and his momentum carries him into the end zone. A89 grabs B27 by the facemask, then rips the ball out of his hands, causing the ball to come loose. B54 falls on the ball in the end zone.

6) A 2/4 B-18. A11 takes a shotgun snap and immediately hands it off to A25 at the B-23. A25 runs up the middle and is tackled at the B-20. During the run and away from the play on the outside, cornerback B24 grabs and twists the facemask of receiver A87.

7) A 4/10 A-20. In a scrimmage kick formation, A19 receives a long snap at the A-8 and punts the ball. At the B-45, B27 gives a legal fair catch signal. The ball hits his hands and bounces into the air. As B27 chases the ball, A88 runs under the ball, catches it at the B-42 and runs into B's end zone.

8) A 4/14 B-41. In a scrimmage kick formation, A19 receives a long snap at the A-45 and punts the ball. Before the kick, A87 on the end of the line tackles B54 to the ground at the B-44. The ball hits the ground at the B-22 and rolls to the B-24, where it is touched by A81. No B players make an attempt to recover the ball.

9) On a try, Team A lines up in traditional scrimmage formation. A11 takes a hand-to-hand snap and rolls right. About to be tackled at the B-2, he retreats to the B-4 where he throws a pass to A87 in the end zone. The pass is caught for a touchdown.

10) A 3/6 B-41. A11 takes the hand-to-hand snap and rolls right. At the B-36 he tucks his feet under his butt and slides. At the B-35, B54 slams his shoulder into the chest of A11. A11's slide ends at the B-34.

11) A 2/20 A-36. Before the snap, back A24 goes in motion to the left. A11 takes a shotgun snap at the A-30 and throws the ball to A24, who catches it at the A-32. As the ball is in the air, wideout A87 dives toward the sideline at cornerback B25 running past him, with the force coming from the side of B25 but contacting B25 on the front of the thigh. A24 is pushed out of bounds at the A-42.

12) A 1/10 A-45. A11 takes a hand-to-hand snap and pitches the ball out to running back A25, who sweeps right and cuts down the right sideline. As A25 is being chased at the B-30, B54 pushes A87 in the back at the B-30 a yard away from A25. B54 tackles A25 at the B-22.

13) A 1/10 A-45. A11 takes a hand-to-hand snap and pitches the ball out to running back A25, who sweeps right and cuts down the right sideline. At the B-30, A25 fumbles the ball forward. At the B-38, B54 pushes A87 in the back and he falls to the ground. A25 falls on the ball at the B-22.

14) A 1/10 A-45. A11 takes a hand-to-hand snap and drops back to the A-40, where he throws a pass to A87 near the right sideline. A87 leaps at the B-45 and possesses the pass in the air before being pushed backward in the air by B54 to the B-47. A87 finally touches the ground out of bounds.

15) A 4/10 A-45. Punter A11 receives the snap and kicks the ball deep. At the 50 yard line, B54 grabs the jersey of A87 and pulls him backward but not to the ground. The ball hits the ground in B's end zone.

16) A 1/10 B-14. A11 takes a shotgun snap and rolls right. Standing at the B-17 he throws the pass into the end zone, where B25 pushes intended receiver A87 out of the way, catches the pass, and runs the length of the field into A's end zone. While B25 was at the B-30, B74 holds A11 at the B-20.

17) TRY, B-3. A11 takes a shotgun snap and rolls right. Standing at the B-17 he throws the pass into the end zone, where B25 pushes intended receiver A87 out of the way, catches the pass, and is immediately tackled by A87.

18) A 2/4 B-16. A5 takes a shotgun snap and hands the ball to A23 at the B-19. A23 runs to the B-11 where he is tackled. A23 immediately tries to get up and is hit in the head by the shoulder of a diving B25.

19) A 2/12 A-49. With 40 seconds left in the game and A trailing, 17-14, A11 takes a hand-to-hand snap and drops back in the pocket. He throws a deep pass to A87, which is intercepted by B25 at the B-20 where he goes to the ground. B25 jumps to his feet and tosses the ball high into the air and well out of bounds.

20) A 4/11 B-45. A5 takes a shotgun snap. A87, to avoid defender B25, accidentally takes one step out of bounds and immediately returns inbounds. A5 throws a pass to A87. A87 leaps into the air at the B-33 and catches the ball, before being driven in the air back to the B-35.

21) A 1/10 A-20. A11 hands off to A25, who sweeps left. B74 pursues A25, grabs his facemask and pulls it before letting go. A25 reaches back and grabs B74's facemask, pulls it and lets it go. After A25 is tackled, A54 jumps on B74 lying on the ground at the B-27.

22) A 1/10 A-20. A11 hands off to A25, who sweeps left. B74 pursues A25, grabs his facemask and pulls it before letting go. A25 reaches back and grabs B74's facemask, pulls it and lets it go. After A25 is tackled, A54 jumps on B74 lying on the ground at the B-27. As A54 gets off the pile, B20 punches him.

23) A 1/10 A-20. A11 throws an obvious backward pass to A25, who drops the pass at the A-14. The line judge blows his whistle just before B74 clearly recovers the football at the A-10.

24) A 1/10 A-20. A11 hands off to A25, who sweeps left and breaks free of the defense. As A11 reaches the B-30, A54 stares at the defensive line standing at the A-22 and gives a slashing motion across his throat several times. A11 crosses B's goal line.

25) A 1/10 A-20. A11 throws a deep pass to A88, who catches the ball at the A-45. He runs to the A-48 where he fumbles the ball. A25 muffs the ball at the A-46 and the ball goes out of bounds at the A-42. While the pass is in the air, B74 drives his shoulder into the knee of A11 at the A-16.

26) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A18 is in position for the long snap. He bobbles the snap and drops it on the ground. As the ball rolls out of the tackle box, he kicks the loose ball at the A-16. The ball goes out of bounds at the A-23.

27) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A18 is in position for the long snap. He takes the snap at the A-20 and rolls to his left. At the A-32 he fumbles the ball forward, and at the A-40 he kicks the loose ball. The ball goes out of bounds at the A-46.

28) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A18 is in position for the long snap. He takes the snap at the A-20 and rolls to his left. At the A-32, A72 grabs B54 and takes him to the ground. A18 runs out of bounds at the A-46.

29) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A18 is in position for the long snap. He takes the snap at the A-20 and rolls to his left. At the A-38, he punts the ball deep. It rolls out of bounds at the B-10.

30) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A18 is in position for the long snap. He takes the snap at the A-20 and rolls to his left. At the A-38, he punts the ball deep. Just after he kicks the ball, B72 slams into the punter. The ball rolls out of bounds at the B-10.

31) A 1/10 A-35. Quarterback A11 takes a shotgun snap at the A-29. As B57 runs past the guard, A11 stands in the pocket and heaves the ball well out of bounds at the A-40. Just as A11 releases the ball, B57 viciously drives his shoulder into the thigh of A11, taking him to the ground.

32) A 1/10 A-35. Quarterback A11 takes a shotgun snap at the A-29. He throws the ball to A87 who catches it at the A-40. At the A-44, B57 grabs the facemask of A87 and twists it. After A87 fumbles the ball at the A-46, his helmet is pulled off by B57. The line judge blows his whistle just before the ball is recovered by A24 at the A-49.

33) A 1/10 B-35. Quarterback A11 takes a shotgun snap at the B-41. A87 runs into the end zone. As the pass is coming to him near the sideline, he jumps up in the air where he possesses the ball. A87 taps both toes in the end zone before the heel of each foot touches out of bounds. He remains upright throughout the entire process.

34) A 1/10 B-35. Quarterback A11 takes a shotgun snap at the B-41. A87 runs into the end zone. As the pass is coming to him near the sideline, he jumps up in the air where he possesses the ball. A87 gets a foot in the end zone and falls out of bounds. When he hits the ground, the ball pops up in the air, but A87 controls the ball again before the ball touches the ground.

35) A 1/10 A-35. Quarterback A11 takes a shotgun snap at the A-29. A11 throws the ball to A87 on a slant. B57 steps in front of the pass and muffs it into the umpire. The ball pops up and A87 catches the pass and is tackled immediately at the A-47.

36) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A14 takes the long snap and punts the ball away. At the B-35, B24 waves his hand in the air several times as several team A players surround him. At the B-42, B32 catches the punt and returns it unimpeded for a touchdown.

37) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A14 takes the long snap and punts the ball away. At the B-35, B24 waves his hand in the air several times as several team A players surround him. At the B-42, B32 catches the punt and is immediately slammed to the ground by A-47.

38) A 4/10 A-35. Punter A14 takes the long snap and punts the ball away. Waving his arm in the air, B24 waits at the B-35 for the punt as A-47 circles behind him and stands inches away from him. B24 catches the punt at the B-35.

39) A 1/10 B-35. Punter A14 takes the long snap and punts the ball away. B24 waits to receive the punt as A-47 circles behind him and stands inches away from him. Just before the ball reaches B24,

A-47 nudges him in the back at the B-35. The ball hits B24 and bounces up in the air. The ball is recovered by A42 at the B-38.

40) A 2/G B-5. A11 takes the snap and runs towards the pylon. With the ball extended towards the pylon at B-1, B32 hits the ball out of A11's possession. The ball goes inside the pylon and then out of bounds. L gives a touchback signal. F runs over as he threw a flag on B4 for holding A2 while both were in the end zone.

41) A 1/10 A-40. A11 throws a pass toward A87, who is standing at the A-45. B42 jumps in front of the pass, intercepts it and returns it for a touchdown. The back judge threw a flag on B47 for interfering with A87 while the pass was in the air.

42) After a kickoff return, the officials set the ball at the 50 yard line and the referee signals the ball ready for play. The coach of the offense is incensed that the officials did not call a horsecollar tackle, and he is berating the linesman to the point of distraction.

43) A 1/10 B-36. A12 takes a handoff and runs to the B-35 where he is tackled. Players A74 and B42 scuffle in the offensive backfield before B42 removes his helmet and charges at A74. The defensive coordinator runs onto the field to the numbers, screaming and pointing at A74 accusing him of a punch.

44) A 4/5 B-40. A14 takes a long snap and punts the ball away. Running down to cover the kick, A87 tries to avoid a defender, runs out of bounds, and returns inbounds. He is then pushed out of bounds by B42 before returning inbounds again. A89 downs the kick at the B-10.

45) A 4/5 B-40. A14 takes a long snap and punts the ball away. The ball bounces over the goal line before A42 runs into the end zone and knocks it back into the field of play. B24 picks up the loose ball and runs to the B14, where he is tackled.

46) A 1/10 A-30. Running back A27 takes a handoff and runs to the A-36 where he is tackled by B42 with a horsecollar tackle before the two are buried under a pile of players. A87 runs over and pulls B57 off of the pile.

47) A Free Kick A-35. Before the ball is kicked, A87's forward step lands a foot beyond the ball. The ball is kicked onside. B57 steps up and blocks A87 at the A-43. The ball bounces off of B84's hands at the A-44 before going out of bounds at the A-43.

48) A 4/5 B-45. A17 punts the ball to B87, who catches it standing at the B-3. He runs into the end zone then back out to the B-15, where he fumbles the ball. A57 scoops up the ball at the B-17 and runs the ball unabated into the end zone. The side judge blew his whistle when A57 secured the ball at the B-17.

49) A 1/10 B-20. The game clock shows :02 in the fourth quarter. After an inbounds run for a first down, the offense runs to the line of scrimmage. As soon as the referee blows the play ready, A11 takes a direct snap and spikes the ball into the ground.

50) A Free Kick A-35. A14 kicks the ball into the ground and it pops up into the air. At the A-47, B17 in position to catch the kick does not wave his hand over his head in any way. A57 knocks B17 to the ground at the A-47 as A87 jumps into the air and catches the ball at the A-46. He is immediately tackled.