

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION
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2012 SUMMER STUDY GUIDE

1. Running back A29 runs for 14 yards and an apparent 1st down. A56 is called for holding behind the neutral zone. Ruling: Penalize Team A 10 yards from the previous spot and repeat the down. (9-3-3-pen)
2. Team A's 3rd down quick kick is blocked and remains behind the L.O.S. The ball is recovered by A66. Ruling: Team A's ball – 4th down. Start the clock on the ready. (3-3-2-d-8)
3. Team A's kick conversion try from the 3 yard line is batted in flight above the crossbar by B81. The ball is then recovered by A86 in the end zone. Ruling: Illegal batting. Award 2 points to Team A. (9-4-1 and AR 9-4-1-I)
4. Center A56 is considered to have touched the ball if his hands are in a position at or below his knees. (2-27-8)
5. Defensive nose-guard B67 enters the neutral zone suddenly, but does not make contact with A56. Offensive tight end A81 reacts to the movement of B67. Ruling: Foul on A81. (7-1-2-b-3)
6. Runner A20 touches defensive player B71 whose feet are on the sideline. Ruling: A20 is not out of bounds. (4-2-1)
7. Illegally blocking the kicker on a free kick will result in a 15 yard penalty from the previous spot. (9-1-16-c)
8. On the opening kick-off of the 2nd half, the kicked ball goes out of bounds, untouched at the Team B 6 yard line. One of B's options is to have the ball – 1st and 10 at the B 35 yard line. (6-2-1)
9. The penalties for illegally kicking and illegally batting the ball carry a 10-yard penalty; plus, a loss of down in some instances. (9-4-1 and 9-4-4)
10. B43 intercepts A's forward pass at the B 4 ½ yard line. His momentum is taking him into the end-zone. He fumbles the ball at the B 2 yard line and the ball rolls into the end-zone where it is recovered by B40. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 at the B 20 yard line. (8-5-1)
11. The tackle box is the rectangular area enclosed by the neutral zone, the two lines parallel to the sidelines five yards from the middle lineman, and Team A's end line. (2-34-1-a)
12. A's field goal attempt from the B 31 yard line is short and rolls dead at the B 12 yard line. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 at the B 12. (8-4-2)
13. If during the down a player's helmet comes completely off, other than as the direct result of a foul by an opponent, the player must leave the game for the next down. (3-3-9-a)

14. If a Team A player is restricted at the snap in blocking below the waist then he may legally block below the waist only along the north-south line or at an angle toward the sideline closer to him when the ball was snapped. (9-1-6)
15. B81 intercepts a pass in his own end-zone. He fumbles the ball forward and the ball goes out of bounds, crossing the sideline at the B 8 yard line. Ruling: B's ball – 1st and 10 at the B 8 yard line. (8-7-1 and 7-2-4-b)
16. No player shall target and initiate contact to the head or neck area of a defenseless opponent with the helmet, forearm, elbow or shoulder. When in question this is a foul. (9-1-4)
17. No defensive player who is inside the tackle box may try to block a punt by leaving his feet in an attempt to leap directly over an opponent. However, it is not a foul if a player attempts to leap through or over the gap between players. (9-1-11-c)
18. A team is limited to having a maximum of four (4) field captains. (1-1-5)
19. A81 voluntarily goes out of bounds, returns to the field of play, and is the first to touch a legal forward pass thrown by QB A16. Ruling: 5 yard penalty and loss of down from the previous spot. (7-3-4)
20. Beginning in 2012, if the result of a free kick is a touchback for Team B, they will put the ball in play at their 25-yard line. (6-1-7-b)
21. Except when the ball is kicked from an obvious onside-kick formation, after the ball is kicked, the receiving team may not intentionally form a wedge of three or more players to block for the ball carrier. (6-1-10)
22. During a free kick a player of the receiving team in position to receive the ball only has kick-catch and fair-catch protection when the ball is kicked off the tee and goes directly into the air. (6-4-1-e)
23. Second and 10 at the A 40, back A32 runs out of bounds during the 3rd quarter at the A 48 yard line. A's ball – 3rd down. Start the clock on the ready. (3-3-2-e-3)
24. Team A's free kick is muffed by B83 in his own end-zone. The ball bounces forward into the field of play and out of bounds at the B 4 yard line. Ruling: B's ball, 1st and 10 at the B 4 yard line. (6-2-2)
25. Beginning in 2011, the foul for "illegal participation" has been eliminated and all infractions involving too many players are called "illegal substitution" and carry a five-yard penalty. (3-5-3)
26. Following a safety, Team A must kick off from the A 20 yard line. The kick, untouched by B, goes out of bounds at the B 24 yard line. One of B's options is to take the ball at the B 45 yard line. (6-2-1)

27. A back that starts in motion from outside the tackle box area and then re-sets inside the area remains restricted if he subsequently goes in motion and does not leave the area. (9-1-6-a-2-c)
28. A free kick in flight is muffed in the end-zone by receiver B16. The loose ball is batted backward and out of the end-zone by B86. Ruling: Safety (9-4-1)
29. Unsportsmanlike conduct fouls by players will be enforced the same as if the foul were clipping or an illegal block below the waist. If the ball is alive when a player commits an unsportsmanlike act, then the penalty will be enforced in the same manner as any other live ball foul. (9-2-1 Penalty)
30. On free or scrimmage kicks, when the receiving team is in possession at the end of the down, they have the option of having all kicking team fouls administered either at the previous spot or the succeeding spot. (10-2-4)
31. Second and 5 at the A-35. The ball is at the left hash mark. As the play develops guard A66 blocks below the waist against linebacker B55 at the A-37 yard line. The block is directed generally toward a sideline and at an angle back toward Team A's goal line. RULING: Legal block. (9-1-6-a-1)
32. On a free kick, after the ball is marked ready for play at the A-35, all Team A players except A44 are between the A-30 and the A-35. As A44 approaches the ball, A22 cuts in front of him and kicks off. RULING: Legal. (6-1-2-b)
33. Home management is unable to get the field cleared in time to start the 2nd half. Ruling: The home team will be penalized 10 yards from the succeeding spot. (3-4-1-b)
34. A79 is called for holding. On an interception return by Team B, B82 is called for holding at the B-36 yard line. Ruling: B can keep the ball if they refuse the holding penalty on A – 1st down and 10 at the B 26 yard line. (10-1-4-excep.)
35. A player whose helmet comes completely off during a down may continue to participate in the play beyond the immediate action in which he is engaged. (9-1-17)
36. Time is running out in the 2nd quarter. A14, positioned 7 yards behind the center, catches the snap from center and immediately throws the ball forward to the ground. Ruling: Illegal forward pass. (AR 7-3-2)
37. A12 takes the direct snap and drops straight back to pass. Under a heavy rush and unable to find an open receiver downfield, he dumps the ball off. It lands a few yards in front of him. Back A33 is blocking for A12 and not looking back to see the ball, which lands in his general direction but a few yards away from him. RULING: Grounding. The receiver in the area must he have a "reasonable opportunity" to make the catch. (7-3-2-h and AR 7-3-2-I)
38. The game clock is stopped for injured player A89. A89 is removed from the game. Start the game clock on the ready. (3-3-2-e-5)

39. B74 grabs the inside back collar of the shoulder pads of runner A32. A32 breaks free and advances to the A 35 yards line where he is downed. Ruling: B74 is guilty of a 'horse collar' foul. Team A will next put the ball in play 1st and 10 at the 50 yard line. (9-1-15)
40. The ball becomes dead immediately when a runner simulates placing his knee on the ground. (4-1-3-o)
41. A37 leads the play around right end as the quarterback keeps on a sweep. As the play develops A37 goes beyond the neutral zone and blocks Linebacker B44 below the waist along the north-south line and toward Team A's goal line. Ruling: Legal north-south block (9-1-6-a-1)
42. 2nd and 8 at the B 31 yard line. B63 is off sides at the snap. A33 runs the ball to the B 9 yard line where he fumbles. During the loose ball, an official blows an inadvertent whistle. Ruling: A's ball, 2nd and 3 at the B 26 yard line, only option, the penalty must be enforced. (4-1-2)
43. It is illegal for defensive tackle B56 to grab and hold pulling guard A60 in an attempt to break up the interference on an offensive sweep play. (9-3-4-b)
44. B49 "face guards" receiver A84. B49 does not play the ball, but does not make physical contact with A84. Ruling: Defensive pass interference can be called. (7-3-9-f)
45. Time expires in the first half on a play in which A12 is beyond the neutral zone when he completes a pass to A88 in Team B's end zone. RULING: Illegal Forward Pass; penalize Team A from the spot of the foul and extend the period. (3-2-3)
46. A67 is called for holding on A's attempt at a 2 point conversion. B71 clips on B42's interception return. Ruling: Try is over – no replay. (8-3-4)
47. Fourth and 10 at the A-10. A33 is in deep punt formation to receive the long snap. A33 receives the snap, carries the ball outside the tackle box and kicks the ball rugby-style on the run. End B80 dives and crashes into A33's plant leg immediately after the ball is kicked. RULING: Roughing the kicker (9-1-16)
48. Team A breaks their offensive huddle with 12 players. Ruling: Dead ball penalty, 5 yards from the succeeding spot. (9-2-2)
49. A chop block can only be called against the offensive team – Team A. (2-3-3 and AR 2-3-3)
50. Early in the third quarter, a backward pass (not to conserve time) goes out of bounds. The ball is dead at the out of bounds spot and the clock will start on the ready. (3-3-2-e-3)