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# Southern California Collegiate Football Officials Association Summer Study Guide

1. The penalty for a player of Team B who has made a valid or invalid signal for a fair catch, does not touch the ball, and then blocks or fouls an opponent during that down is always 15 yards.
2. A player disqualified for Targeting will be declared ineligible for further participation in the game, and the player may now remain in the team area.
3. The crown of the helmet is the top segment of the helmet; namely, the circular area defined by a 6-inch radius from the apex.
4. Second and five at the A-15 A45 runs a sweep to his right and is hit at the A-12 where he fumbles the ball as he is tackled by the collar. The fumble is picked up by teammate A30 who carries the ball to the A-35. B55 is flagged for the horse collar tackle against A45 prior to his fumble. RULING: A 1/10 at the A-35.
5. A sliding ball carrier, who has obviously given himself up and is sliding feet-first, is considered down and the ball is dead at the forward-most point at which he begins his slide. Any time a ball carrier simulates or fakes a feet-first slide, the ball should be declared dead by the on-field officials at that point.
6. No originally ineligible player while inbounds may intentionally touch a legal forward pass until it has touched an opponent or an official. PENALTY—Five yards from the previous spot and loss of down.
7. Team A, first and goal at the B-9 yard line, right hash mark. Quarterback A10 throws a pass to wide out A85 in the deep left corner of the end zone. Defender B27 contacts A85 in the end zone while the catchable pass is in the air. The Back Judge has a flag down for DPI. RULING: Team A, first and goal at the B-2 yard line, left hash.
8. Defensive team substitution infractions fouls can be either live ball or dead ball fouls.
9. *Prior to a change of possession*, Team A linemen with initial position completely inside the tackle box may legally block below the waist inside the tackle box on their initial line charge. A block initiated 1-yard beyond the neutral zone is considered within the tackle box. After the initial line charge, these linemen may block below the waist within the tackle box until the ball leaves the tackle box only if the force of the initial contact is directed from the front.
10. Team A ball 2<sup>nd</sup> and eight and the B-38 yard line. During the play, the ball carrier fumbles at the B-35 and several players dive for the ball. B55 grabs A33 and slings him off the pile. RULING: B55 is charged with a foul for unsportsmanlike conduct. 15 yards and automatic first down.
11. If the offense is in a scrimmage kick formation at the snap, any defensive player within one yard of the line of scrimmage must be aligned completely outside the frame of the body of the snapper at the snap.
12. For free-kicks only: After the ball has been kicked, it is illegal for two or more members of the receiving team to intentionally align shoulder to shoulder within two yards of each other for the purpose of blocking for the ball carrier. This is a live-ball foul, whether or not there is contact between opponents. There is no foul if the play results in a Touchback, Free Kick Out of Bounds or Fair Catch.

13. A blind side block is defined as an open field block against an opponent that is initiated from outside the opponent's field of vision, or otherwise in such a manner that the opponent cannot reasonably defend himself against the block. (Exceptions: (1) the runner; (2) a receiver in the act of attempting to make a catch.) It is a Personal Foul if a player delivers a blind-side block by attacking an opponent with forcible contact. In addition, if this action meets all the elements of targeting, it is a blind-slide block with targeting.
14. Beyond the neutral zone, receiver A36 is about to receive a legal forward pass. B18 lowers his head and drives the crown of his helmet with forcible contact into A36 prior to the pass arriving. The pass falls incomplete. Ruling: A foul for Defensive Pass Interference is the only option.
15. When a fumble comes to rest inbounds and no player attempts to secure it in advance of the spot of the fumble, the ball belongs to the fumbling team at the dead ball spot.
16. Officials should be alert to players that wear their pants and knee pads significantly above the knee and tee shirts that are untucked and hanging down below the top of the pants. Officials noticing players out of scope with the rule should get this corrected or send the player out of the game. Pregame warmups and dead-ball periods are a good time to be proactive with players concerning their uniforms and equipment.
17. *Prior to a change of team possession*, Team A Stationary Backs lined up within the tackle box may block below the waist within the tackle box until the ball leaves the tackle box only if the force of the initial contact is directed from the front. "Directed from the front" is defined as within the clock face region between "10 o'clock and 2 o'clock" forward of the area of concentration of the player being blocked.
18. *Prior to a change of team possession*, Team B players aligned in a stationary position within 1-yard of the line of scrimmage within the tackle box may legally block below the waist in the tackle box on their initial line charge. All other Team B players are not allowed to block below the waist except against a ball carrier.
19. 4/10 @ B-40. A90 punts and B44 gives a fair catch signal at the B-15. The ball lands at the B-10 and bounces high into the air. As A88 moves in an attempt to get to the ball, B44 blocks A88 at the B-12 and the ball then rolls into the end zone. RULING: B, 1/10, B-6, Snap.
20. Team A punts on fourth and seven at the A-35. At the snap Team A has five players in the backfield. The kick is partially blocked, lands at the A-38 and then goes back behind the neutral zone and rolls out of bounds at the A-32. RULING: Team B may have the ball, first and 10 at the A-27 or have Team A repeat fourth down at the A-30.
21. It is illegal for a player to go out of bounds to block an opponent who is out of bounds. This is a personal foul and the 15-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of the block.
22. 3/5 @ B-40. Team A gains 15 yards and hustles to the line without substituting to snap the ball quickly. The defense is not fully set, and just before the snap, middle linebacker B54 flops down holding his knee while in position. When in question, officials will take a timeout for an injured player. The Umpire should stop the clock for an injury timeout for B54.
23. The penalty for Team B unsportsmanlike conduct fouls during legal forward pass plays may now be added to the end of the last run by the offense if there is no change of team possession during the down. If the pass is incomplete or intercepted, or if there is a change of team possession during the down, the penalty is enforced at the previous spot.
24. A defenseless player is one who because of their physical position and focus of concentration is especially vulnerable to injury. This includes an offensive player in a passing posture with focus downfield.

25. When the defense is guilty of holding, the penalty is 10 yards plus automatic first down if the first down is not in conflict with other rules.
26. 1/10 @ B-25. Defensive end B88 is lined up on the outside shoulder of tackle of A75. On the initial line charge, B88 blocks tackle A75 below the waist from the side inside the tackle box. A44 gains 4 yards on the play. RULING: Foul.
27. 3/10 @ B-40. QB A12 takes the snap and rolls out to the right. Finding no receiver open, A12 turns upfield and runs. After making the line to gain, A12 breaks stride as if he is going to slide feet first at the B-27, but stays upright and runs for a touchdown. RULING: Touchdown.
28. Team A, second and eight at the B-45 yard line. After passer A17 releases the ball, B68 takes two strides and charges into A17, showing no attempt to avoid contact. The Referee has a flag down for roughing the passer. Receiver A88 catches the pass and runs to the B-4 yard line where he is tackled from behind and fumbles the ball forward and through the Team B end zone. RULING: Team A, first and 10 at the B-30 yard line.
29. 3/5 @ A-30. A12 takes the snap, stays within the tackle box and is immediately under heavy duress. Just before being sacked at the A-24, A12 throws the ball towards blocking back A44 but RT A77 catches the ball at the A-29 and then runs to the A-38 where he is downed. A44 is considered in the area of the pass. RULING: Team A, 4/10, A-25, Ready.
30. Beginning with the second extra period, teams scoring a touchdown must attempt a two point try. Although not illegal, a one-point try attempt by Team A will not result in a score. Beginning with the third extra period, a team's possession series will be one play for a two-point try from the three-yard line, unless relocated by penalty.
31. Fourth and 10 at the 50-yard line. B17 is at Team B's 20-yard line and in position to catch Team A's high scrimmage kick. During the downward flight of the ball, A37 contacts B17 and the Back Judge throws his flag. B17 catches the kick and advances to the B-30 yard line. RULING: Team B 1 and 10 at the B-45.
32. 4/15 @ B-25. Team A lines up to kick a field goal and before the kick, B73 pulls RT A77 out of position, and B44 shoots through in an attempt to block the kick. The kick is successful. RULING: Score 3 points for Team A and the penalty is declined -or- Team A, 1/10, B-15, Snap.
33. A period shall be extended for an untimed down if a penalty is accepted for a live-ball foul(s) that occurs during a down in which time expires. At the option of the offended team, the period is not extended if the foul is by the team in possession and the statement of the penalty includes loss of down.
34. 1/10 @ A-40. Back A44 is lined up just behind the RT, and has his left foot inside the RT's outside foot. At the snap, A44 works back across the formation and blocks B77 below the waist from the side. B77 is inside the tackle box and 1 yard in the offensive backfield at the time of the block. During the play, A33 runs for a 12-yard gain. RULING: Legal block, Team A 1/10, B-48, Ready
35. 2/10 @ B-45. Ball carrier A21 sweeps right end and breaks clear to the goal line. As A21 approaches the goal line, the ball is dropped at the 1-yard line and A21 continues into the end zone. A21 circles back to the team area thinking a touchdown has been scored. No TD signal is given by the officiating crew and the ball comes to rest in the end zone with no player attempting to secure the ball. RULING: A, 1/G, B-1, Ready.
36. Second and 5 at the B-40. Quarterback A14 drops back to pass and Tackle A78 holds defensive lineman B65 at the B-45 yard line. A14 scrambles and is tackled at the B-35 yard line. RULING: A 2/20 at the A-45.
37. Team A trails 28 – 21, and throws a desperation pass on the last timed down of the game. The ball is caught by A88 in the end zone for a Touchdown. After the QB released the pass, he was roughed by B55. RULING: A, Try, B-1 ½ is Team A's only option as there will not be a succeeding kickoff.

38. First and 10 @ A-20. Team A runs a reverse and A78 blocks defensive lineman B45 outside of his field of vision at the A-18. The block is made with the hands of A78 who pushes B45 from the side. The run ends at the A-25. Ruling No foul. A 2/5 @ A-25.
39. 4/1 @ B-40. QB A12 moves from shotgun formation to under center and barks signals in an unsuccessful attempt to draw Team B offside. With 10 seconds remaining on the play clock, A12 backs away from the center and jogs toward the sideline being very demonstrative with his arms and waiving to the bench. As A12 approaches the sideline, the ball is snapped directly to back A44 just before the play clock expires and A44 runs to the B-38. RULING: Unsportsmanlike Conduct by A12, A, 4/16, A-45, Ready.
40. When an offensive player is in a passing posture with one or both feet on the ground, no defensive player rushing unabated shall hit him forcibly at the knee area or below. However, it is not a foul if the defender grabs or wraps this opponent in an attempt to make a conventional tackle without making forcible contact with the head or shoulder.
41. 1/10 @ A-40. Back A44 is stationary and lined up 4 yards deep and is just behind the RG. After the snap, QB A12 takes a deep drop, and remains in the tackle box looking downfield. Linebacker, B55 blitzes between the LG and LT, and A44 crosses over to the left side of the formation and blocks B55 below the waist at the A-36. The block is directed from the front. After the block, A12's pass is completed to A88 for a gain of 15-yards. RULING: Team A, 1/10, B-45, Ready.
42. Second and seven at the A-25. Team A is ahead in the score late in the second quarter. When ball carrier A22 is tackled in the field of play, the game clock reads 1:47. The umpire reports to the referee that he has a flag for holding by snapper A55. On the play, A22 gained nine yards. RULING: After enforcement of the penalty, the game clock starts on the referee's signal, no option for Team B.
43. On a kickoff at the A-35, Team A executes an on-side kick. A50 blocks B85 before Team B touches the ball or before the ball travels ten yards. A80 recovers at the A-46. RULING: Foul by Team A for blocking before they are eligible to touch the ball on an on-side kick. Team B 1st and 10 @ A-41.
44. 4/Goal @ B-8. Runner A44 is hit at the B-5 and fumbles, and B54 bats the grounded loose ball at the B-3 back into his own end zone. A88 sees the loose ball and recovers while the ball is still in the end zone. RULING: Safety, score 2 points for Team A. Team B, Free Kick at the B-20.
45. First and 10 at the B-30. A14's pass is complete to A82 at the B-20. He carries the ball to the B-10 where he fumbles with A46 recovering there. Prior to the pass, B71 was flagged for hands to the face. RULING: After enforcement of the penalty, it will be A's ball: First and goal at the B-5.
46. With Team A in a scrimmage kick formation, nose tackle B55 is lined up within the frame of the snapper and in the gap between the snapper and the RG. Immediately after the snap he rushes but only makes contact with the RG. RULING: Legal since B55 did not contact the snapper.
47. 3/10 @ A-25. A12 completes a pass to A88 at the A-30, and A88 runs to the A-34 where he fumbles. A81 recovers the loose ball at the A-36. During the pass, B54 is flagged for Unsportsmanlike Conduct. RULING: Team A, 1/10, B-49, Ready.
48. Team A runs a reverse, and A78 blocks defensive lineman B45 outside of his field of vision at the A-18. The block is forcible with significant thrust and contact is made to the head and neck area of B45. RULING: Foul for blind side block is the only option.
49. On the opening kickoff, B22 catches the kick at his goal line and returns the ball down the sideline on Team B's side of the field. As he moves down the sideline officiating the play, the side judge must run around a Team B coach or squad member in the restricted area ("the white"). B22 is driven out of bounds at the A-20. RULING: First infraction: Warning for sideline interference. No yardage penalty.
50. 3/15 @ B-45. QB A12 drops back and looks downfield for A88 who is the primary receiver and defender B21 is holding A88 at the B-35. A12 throws a forward pass to his check down receiver A44 but the ball falls incomplete at the B-46. RULING: Team A, 1/10, B-35, Snap.