

## 2009 MECHANICS EXAM

**DIRECTIONS:** This exam consists of 50 questions. Place all answers under Federation answers on answer sheet. PLEASE DARKEN THE CORRECT TRUE OR FALSE ANSWER.

1. The LJ and BJ are on the goal line pylon for punt attempts from inside the opponent's 35 yard line while the R shifts to the LJ side of the field.
2. When a runner's forward progress has been stopped and he being driven backwards or sideways, a fumble may still occur.
3. On a long kickoff return the BJ covers the goal line and signals TD. Prior to signaling TD the BJ should always check with the flank official if the runner has threatened the sideline.
4. On punts, the HL/LJ are to remain on the LOS until the kick crosses. When there is a muffed snap or blocked kick and the goal line is threatened, the official facing the R will go to the goal line.
5. On a blocked punt the R remains between the numbers while the HL/LJ cover the sideline.
6. The U should turn and help with low passes downfield or low passes into the flat down the LOS only after the lineman are no longer a threat.
7. On pass plays only the HL is to remain on LOS until the pass is thrown. The widest receiver is their primary responsibility.
8. On pass plays, the BJ initially has primary responsibility for the receiver(s) inside the widest receivers (slot or tight end).
9. The R will obtain the choice of heads or tails and verbally confirm it prior to the actual coin toss.
10. When ruling on whether a pass has gone forward or backward, the flank official to which side the ball is thrown has primary responsibility.
11. Ball persons come on the field and bring the ball directly to the U.
12. Ball mechanics require that the U always stand between the inbounds lines while waiting for other officials to get him a ball.
13. On plays to the far side of the field, the HL/LJ will move off of the sideline and come onto the field as far as necessary to cover the play.
14. Three minutes prior to kickoff, the LJ/BJ must have their respective teams on the field and captain's ready for the coin toss.
15. On a long kickoff, the R and U are each responsible for the receivers pylon on their sideline.
16. Bean bags may be blue or white.
17. The sideline policy should be discussed with each head coach during the pre-game meeting with the coaches.
18. The LJ has primary responsibility for instructing the ball persons on both sides of the field but the HL should introduce himself to those on his side.
19. At three minutes prior to kickoff, the R/U will proceed onto the field, with the R facing the scoreboard.
20. When an offensive player goes in motion, the flank official that the motion man starts away from will have will have primary responsibility for him until the snap.

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21. As the seconds close to end the quarter, the R or BJ has the game clock (whichever person is facing the clock), while the U is to focus on the action of the ball.
22. On pass plays, the R looks through the QB and watches for illegal acts by a back or tackle on the opposite side.
23. On a regular play from scrimmage, the R will always line up on the wide side of the field.
24. On punt formations, the R will line up on the punter's kicking leg side, 10 yards wider and 5 yards deeper than the kicker.
25. On punts, the BJ will be positioned 5 yards behind and 10 yards wide of the receiver(s), on the HL side of the field.
26. On penalty enforcements, the HL is to walk off the penalty with the U.
27. If the R/BJ has the goal line, the HL/LJ are not to blow their whistles unless they have the runner OB prior to crossing the goal line.
28. The offended team captain should be given penalty options on every foul.  
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29. The LJ/HL are responsible for getting the team on their sideline lined up for the kickoff without delay.
30. On a kickoff, the LJ/BJ share responsibility for knowing whether the ball is kicked into the air or directly into the ground.
31. After the ball is spotted, the referee should take as much time as he wishes to declare the ball ready-for-play as long as he is consistent.
32. When marking forward progress, the flank officials should get as close to the pile of players as possible.
33. All five officials are responsible for punctually starting the second half and it is critical for the LJ/BJ to schedule their locker room visits to insure the teams are on the field when required.
34. The HL/LJ have no responsibility for knowing whether the passer is beyond the LOS, if the pass was touched beyond or behind the LOS or ineligible players downfield behind the U.
35. The U has primary responsibility for the snapper, guards and tackle to the R's side of the formation.
36. On a kickoff, the BJ should stand in a position to prevent the kicker from kicking the ball until the R has blown his whistle and signaled the ball ready for play.
37. On scrimmage plays, the R is responsible for counting the offense, the U & BJ the defense, and the LJ/HL are responsible for counting the team on their side of the field.
38. The R must move towards the OB spot on sideline plays to assist with clean up. If the QB is the runner he will go OB with him.

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39. The umpire is the only official that should instruct the ball boys prior to the game.
40. The LJ and HL are responsible to get the captains.
41. The Referee counts the players of the offensive team. The Umpire counts the defense. The HL/LJ count the teams on their side of the field.
42. The line judge is the only flank official allowed to use off mechanics.
43. If a crew is using box mechanics and they anticipate an on side kick, the umpire moves up to the 50 opposite the HL.

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44. On plays on or inside the 5 yard line the HL is on the line of scrimmage and the LJ plays Off at the goal line.
45. On all trys and field goals the line judge will always rule on the success or failure of the kick.
46. On a try or field goal the referee is always responsible for roughing the kicker and holder.
47. During the game the line judge has the option of using off or on mechanics.
48. If the LJ uses off mechanics, the referee is responsible for the side line opposite the HL on running plays.
49. The LJ instructs the game clock operator.
50. On a free kick the head linesman lines up on the restraining line of the receivers.