

Mechanics Exam Most Missed

Question #1 - Mechanics Manual Page 10

In 5-person mechanics, for the coin toss, the Referee escorts to the center of the field the team whose team box is on the side opposite the chains.

Matt: Answer: True. Most missed: False. To be specific, the R brings in the home team and the U brings in the visiting team no matter which sideline they are on. The mechanics manual does take into account the rare instance when the home team is not on the press box side (which this question overlooks). I'm fairly confident that that's why there were so many missed here.

Tim: Book say R takes Home Team and U takes Visitors. People probably just got caught up in wording. No big deal.

Question #17 - NOT IN THIS YEARS MECHANICS MANUAL

In 5-person mechanics, on a kickoff: the Back Judge is responsible for determining whether K has at least 4 players on each side of the kicker when the ball is kicked.

Matt: Answer: False. Most missed: True. This is the responsibility of the R. R can see how K might shift prior to the kick and get into a proper kicking formation. B should be focused on the ball and his restraining line.

Tim: B can definitely help with this after handing the ball to the kicker and before getting to the sideline and possibly prevent a foul. But primarily on R once B is in position on sideline.

Question #12 - Mechanics Manual Page 68

In 4-person mechanics, in a punt formation, the Line Judge is 5-7 yards wider than and in front of the deepest receiver, in position to cover the sideline as well as the kick.

Matt: Answer: False. Most missed: True. Per the mechanics manual, the L begins 3-5 yards behind the deepest receiver and wide enough to observe the receiver's hands.

Tim: Never want to be in front of the punt receiver. Get a good open look.

Question #20 - Back Judges - Mechanics Manual Page 14

As the 40\25-second count is winding down, the Back Judge should

Matt: Answer: Raise his arm with 5 seconds left then motion the remaining time with a parallel motion. Most missed: Raise arm with 5 seconds left. With the change in timing rules this year, this is going to be a big thing for anyone working the B position. Coaches will need the visual chops so they know their time is running out. And we as officials will want those to show up on film to support any DOG flags.

Tim: We talked about this at the clinic and I will again tonight. Hand up with 5 seconds remaining then the b ball style count for 4-3-2-1. Then look to see if the ball has been snapped. Then either throw flag or not accordingly.

Question #6 - Mechanics Manual Page 37

When the flanks read pass, they are to...

Matt: Answer: Move downfield 7-10 yards, approximately halfway between the flat zone and the deepest receiver on their respective side. Most missed: Remain on the LOS until the pass crosses the neutral zone. This is straight out of the Mechanics Manual. Tim, you may want to amend this for our group. I believe that you've been having our flanks to other things if I'm not mistaken.

Tim: You are allowed to drift down field, but most of the time it is better to stay. Never want empty movement.