

**Referee Mechanics Exam (2009)**

1. On obvious short free kicks, the R should request the LJ to move to receiver's free kick line. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
2. On scrimmage plays, the R should position himself even with the deepest back and on the throwing arm side of QB in position to see the snap. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
3. When enforcing a penalty, R notifies the U of the decision, spot of enforcement, and the number of yards to mark off. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
4. When there is a flag, R gets the official who threw the flag and asks the status of the ball, type of play, team committing the foul, number of player, and results of play. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
5. When the ball is declared dead, the R should move to the spot to determine next down and communicate the number of next down to the HL. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
6. It is the R' responsibility to obtain the game kit from his class leader. If unable to do so, the HL should be notified to do so as he is the R' backup. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
7. After the 3-minute warm-up period is over, the R goes with the U to the center of the field and calls for the captains. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
8. On field goals and extra point try's where the L J is behind goal posts, the R shall take a position on the line of scrimmage and rule on the goal line if the kicking team attempts a run or pass. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
9. At the end of the first half, the R should review the game card to ensure all officials have them properly and completely marked. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Anytime the ball is snapped from outside the 15 yd. line on a field goal, the LJ and BJ should be under the goal post. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
11. During a free kick, the R shall take a position opposite the press box and between the 10-yard line and the goal line. He shall share a 50/50 responsibility of the goal line with the LJ. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
12. On measurements in the side zone and the line to gain is not made, the R shall mark the chain by grasping it at the forward most point of ball and walk with the chain to the inbounds spot and spot the ball. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
13. When notified by the LJ that the time out is over, the R should tell the teams to get ready for next play. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
14. When a field goal is attempted as a free kick after a fair catch or an awarded fair catch, the R shall take a position behind the upright on the HL side of the field, signaling Good, No Good, or Touchback after conferring with the LJ. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_

15. The R should review the game card as part of the post-game conference. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
16. On pass plays, the R shall cover the QB and rule on Roughing the passer, the spot from which the pass is thrown, and Illegal passes. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
17. The R shall conduct a pre-game conference and distribute game cards. If he is not present, it is the HL responsibility to replace him. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
18. The R should count team A players and signal U with a fist at shoulder height in front of body for 11 players and an open hand if less than 11. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
19. The R is required to ask the head coach if all of his players are legally equipped per VHSL rules. However, if the head coach is busy the assistant coach may verify the player's equipment. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
20. At the end of the game, it is the R responsibility to record the time the game ended. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
21. On scrimmage kicks, after determining there are no flags and the spot where the ball will next be put in play, the R motions to the HL to move the box and chains, gives the Time Out signal, then give 1st Down signal for team awarded a new series. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
22. The R should know the yard line the ball is being snapped from on a punt. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
23. After a measurement and before marking the ball ready for play the R shall make sure the chains and box have been set. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
24. On scrimmage kicks, the R shall take a position even with or just in front of the kicker on the kicking foot side and at least as wide as the tight end. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
25. When a time out is requested R faces the press box and indicates the team charged with the time out. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
26. At the end of the first and third quarter, the R shall determine the exact position of the ball on the field in relation to the inbounds spot. Example, if the ball was on the 25 yard line at the visitors hash mark, when the teams exchange ends the ball should still be in that same position (25 yd. line at visitors hash). (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
27. The R should have an accurate timing device to be used as a back-up in case the timing device of the BJ and LJ fails. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
28. If U disqualifies a player, he goes with the R to the offending player sideline and the LJ covers the ball. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
29. When a player has been disqualified, the R shall ask the players' coach for the disqualified players name. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
30. At the end of the first and third quarters and once the ball has been moved and the officials and teams are ready, and the chains and box are set, and the clock has been reset, the R shall mark the ball ready for play. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
31. R rules on forward and backward passes including the quick pass to either side as soon as the ball is snapped. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_

32. Once teams have returned to the field after half time, the R should stand near the 9 yd. mark and the 50 yd. line and wind the clock for the 3 minute warm-up period. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
33. The R should answer any questions anyone may have about the game once the game is over. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
34. The R should let the coin hit the ground to show the results of the toss. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
35. At the end of the first and third quarter, the R and U shall mark their game cards with down, distance, yard line, clip, and team in possession of ball and be sure they agree. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
36. During a measurement the U must hold the ball on the ground. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
37. The U will assist with illegal forward pass if the passer crosses the scrimmage line. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
38. The official with the longest amount of service should conduct the pre-game should the R be late or absent. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
39. When a field goal attempt from a free kick formation the HL responsibility to the R's restraining line remains the same. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
40. The R is the only official to call the supervisor of officials with the details of a disqualification. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
41. On a punt HL moves the box and chains after signal from R. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
42. On punts HL relays yard line of snap to R. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
43. On a FG or try when the ball is snapped anywhere, HL is responsible for the entire line of scrimmage. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
44. On free kicks signal to R by raising hand that you are ready, after you have counted the "R" players. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
45. On obvious short kicks, move to "R" free kick line opposite HL, when requested by R. Be prepared to rule on first touching. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
46. Penalty enforcement is the responsibility of R and U to check. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
47. We are to enter the field 45 minutes prior to kick off. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
48. If the ball is legally touched in your area, start the clock. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_

49. The covering official should actually see the ball in possession of runner who is down or whose forward progress is stopped or ball out of bounds before sounding his whistle. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
50. Whenever a fumble occurs, the covering official will mark the spot of the fumble with his beanbag. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
51. Verify the correct down on every play and communicate with at least 2 other officials. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
52. LJ is to assist the BJ on fair catch signal and observer action of signaler when no fair catch is made. Bean bag any first touching observed. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
53. R escorts the disqualified player to the sideline and inform the head coach of his disqualification. Ask the head coach for the disqualified player's name. **NOTE: Officials are not to touch a player in this situation.** (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
- 54 If you have not been contacted by U concerning travel/meeting site at least 2 days prior to the game, call call U, R or other crew member for information. Call supervisor of officials when you are unable to contact U, R or other crew member. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
55. It is the responsibility of the BJ to mark all approved game balls. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
56. It's the responsibility of the BJ to ensure he has an accurate timing devise before the game. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
57. During a punt, if a kick goes out of bounds in the air, the BJ choose a spot that most closely approximates where the ball crossed out of bounds, and give the time out signal. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
58. During a punt, when a ball is dead, remain at the spot where play ends. Communicate with R the status of the ball and result of the play. When released by R, get appropriate ball to the U/R to be spotted. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
59. After first and third quarters BJ, with R and U, mark card with down, distance, yard line, and clip for the team in possession. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
60. Umpire should call their crew no later than 2 days before the game. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
61. HL and LJ should verify position of the box and down number on every play. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
62. HL does not have any player counting responsibilities because the R and U count the "A" players and LJ and BJ count the "B" players. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
63. The supervisor of officials is responsible for getting you your game assignment. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
64. All officials are to mark their game card with disqualification information. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
65. During penalty enforcement the BJ covers side of field that is covered by the reporting official. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_
- Extra Credit: Only the Back Judge is allowed to use a BLUE BEAN BAG to mark the spot of a possession change. (T) \_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_ Mechanic (Reference) \_\_\_\_\_