

August 16, 2017 Football Weekly Reminders #1



What Are You Waiting For?

With August 25th only 10 days away, what

are you waiting for? Repetition is a proven method of learning. Why do some officials believe they can just walk onto the grid iron, with no preparation, and work? We all know who they are. When the game is over, they always have to get going, no time for a post-game, they are shaking hands saying "great game." Who are they kidding?



1. Have you had a dress rehearsal to be sure your uniform is ready to go or will you do that the morning of your first scrimmage or game? Don't forget your flag, belt, bean bag, coin, pens, game card, whistle, hat,

shoes laces and shoes. If not, **What Are You Waiting For?**

2. Have you been studying your rule book, case book and mechanics manual daily? If not, **What Are you Waiting For?**



3. Have you printed off your chapter roster, state bulletins, lists of AD's, rules memos, officiating schedule and have them in a folder for instant use? If not, **What Are You Waiting For?**

4. Have you another fellow be your Someone who discuss



contacted official that will mentor? you can call and situations with?

If not, **What Are You Waiting For?**



5. Have you been attending all your chapter meetings or are you blowing them off since they are early in the season? Do you become Casper, the Friendly Ghost once you have 6

meetings, then no one sees you? If not, **What Are You waiting for?**



6. Have you been doing some type of aerobic activities or do you just show up for the

scrimmage and after one hour declare yourself ready for the season? If not, **Are You Waiting For?**



7. Have you kept your availability current with assignors? Have your schedule with you just in case the phone rings? Do you check your email daily?

Do you respond within the time frame? Many use an electronic device, but have a paper backup. If not, **What Are You waiting For?**



Scrimmages are a time to begin to plant seeds with coaches and players. ALL rules are to be enforced. Don't fall for "it's only a

scrimmage." Be sure to tell that to your lawyer when you are listed as a defendant. Whether you want to believe it or not, you are being watched and impressions are being formulated. Some areas require the officials to be in full uniform. If you are enforcing the uniform for players, which you will be doing, why are you looking like it is a day at the beach? Do your best to eliminate extra players on the field standing around especially, in the offensive backfield. Take this time to have a little session with everyone on the new rules. Have the one in your group who is most knowledgeable speak, and everyone else listens. Yes, have a pre and post-game. Pay particular attention to your signaling. Look sharp, be sharp and they will believe you are sharp. Let's see how you do in your scrimmage this week!



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