

August 30, 2017 Football Weekly Reminders #3



The time between plays is not a time for relaxation but a time for preparation. No matter what position you are working, you must have a mental check list prior to EVERY play. Forget the cop-out, "I do it on every play but I forgot this time." Put yourself in any position and run your mental check list using the picture below. A few should be: at least seven offensive players must be on the LOS at the snap, offensive players numbered 1-49 and 80-99 are

eligible receivers provided they are on an end or in the backfield, only one offensive player can legally be in motion at the snap and offensive players are either on the LOS or they aren't and who is my key? Players can't enter and leave the NZ after the snapper places their hand(s) on the ball and there are no numbering requirements for the defensive team. Now, expand the list.



Let's look back at the past week.

1. Why are we dealing with this area when our uniform dress code is very clear?



Everyone should get a 100% when asked, "Which photos are incorrect and why?" It may be fashionable or maybe the official believes they run faster or could it be that they simply don't care, but everyone knows that the PIAA football official's uniform dress is **SOLID BLACK shoes with black laces (no white markings)** and **NO SHORTS. NO**

WHITE MEANS NO WHITE. It will take minimal effort to resolve this problem. That old saying of "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink" could apply to some officials.



2. HOME wears DARK, VISITORS wear WHITE. NO EXCEPTIONS! Officials and schools do not have the authority to agree to wear or permit to wear anything other than **DARK for HOME, WHITE for VISITORS.**



3. You NEVER know who is watching so do what is expected of you. Follow proper rules and regulations. Enforce the rules, hustle and treat every game as if you are in the state championship, including sub-varsity contests. Why disqualify yourself because you want to "do it your way?"

4. TRY vs. Field Goal: A blocked Field Goal remains alive; treat it like any other kick. **A blocked**



TRY means the ball is IMMEDIATELY DEAD. Blow your whistle to prevent chaos. REVIEW 8-3 AND 8-4. If a problem is going to occur, it likely will deal with kicks.

5. Who is looking at the clock?

HOME	10:37	VISITORS	GUEST	56:7	HOME
28	3 TOL	23	12	(SCHEDULE)	18
3 DOWN	10 TO GO	35 ON	2 DOWN	14 TO GO	1 QTR.

A team calls a time-out or the ball is dead. There is now a dead ball foul, like encroachment or false start. 2 or 3 seconds run off the clock. Too often, the lost seconds never get put back on. Put it back. Show you are in the game.

6. Electronic communication devices:



We live in an electronic era. Review rule (1-5-3-c-2, 1-6-1,2) plus case book plays 1.6.1 Situations A-H so we don't get caught off guard. Be prepared when they happen.



7. If you have a foul, have a number. Wrong number equals lost credibility. Never guess; know!



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