



GAME PREPARATION & PREGAME

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OUR OBJECTIVE

- ▶ Demonstrate a thorough understanding of officials' responsibilities prior to game-time.



AGENDA

- ▶ Correcting a Down – Clarification (2 min)
- ▶ Getting Ready for the Season (5 min)
- ▶ Getting Ready for the Game (5 min)
- ▶ Breakout Session – Pregame (30 min)
- ▶ Summary (10 min)



CORRECTING A DOWN

- ▶ The can of worms has been opened....but don't complicate matters.
- ▶ USE COMMON SENSE – We have the authority to correct the down, not a requirement.
- ▶ IN SUMMARY – In almost all case, we do exactly what we have always done, get together and get the down corrected on the box.
- ▶ NEW INTERPRETATION specifically addresses situations where:
 - ▶ (1) A fifth down was given.
 - ▶ (2) A team punted away the ball because they thought it was 4th down.
 - ▶ (3) Timing of when the error can be corrected.



GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON

- ▶ Take Care of Business (Home & Work)
 - Spend time with family & loved ones.
 - Get ahead of your projects & finances.
 - Get your head in the game (and the rule book & case book).
 - Get on Zebraweb & coordinate your closed-out games with your personal commitments.
 - Plan ahead – don't be rushing out the door to get to your game.



GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON

- ▶ Physical & Mental
 - Conditioning
 - Mental – Know the Rules
 - Attitude – Remember Who This Game is For (NOT US)
 - Mechanics – Know Your Responsibilities



GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON

▶ Logistics

- Equipment – Make sure it's in good shape. Pack Early. Bring Extras
- Travel – Is your vehicle in good shape, and reliable.....Make sure that it is.
- Assignments – Stay on top of your Zebraweb updates. Check Zebraweb regularly for changes.
- Communicate – Travel with your cell phone, and keep your crewmates numbers, assigner and AD in the phone.



GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON

- ▶ Additional Tips ??????



GETTING READY FOR THE GAME

▶ COMMUNICATE

- Referee – contact crew at least 72 hours prior to game time.
- Remaining Crew – contact Referee if they fail to contact you.
- Check ZebraWeb for updates up to the morning of game day.



GETTING READY FOR THE GAME

▶ PREPARE

- Visualize tough calls through the week.
- Know your position & mechanics.
- Anything Special About this Game (rivalry, run/throw, etc).
- Pack Early.....Double-Check.....Bring Extras (if possible)
- RELAX on Game Day. Schedule your afternoon at work accordingly.



GETTING READY FOR THE GAME

▶ GAME DAY TRAVEL

- RELAX on Game Day. Schedule your afternoon at work accordingly. Get your stress level down and transition your brain to football.
- Leave work/home early, and allow for traffic (check traffic reports through the day if possible)
- Plan to Arrive at least 90 minutes prior to game time (Varsity). 30 minutes prior to sub-varsity.
- Check in with game management upon arrival.



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- ▶ Additional Tips ?????



PREGAME RESPONSIBILITIES

- ▶ Break-Out Sessions