

FWFO Bulletin Week 5

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Incident reports & Disqualifications

- We are doing well with getting these in, but folks, let's please make sure that if we disqualify someone from the game that we are putting in accurate information in the incident report. We also must make sure we communicating with the head coach, exactly who was disqualified and why. Slow down on this and go talk with the coach directly. This should be the officials involved and the Referee. There should be no confusion during or after the fact, which includes what is put in the incident report.

Foul reports

- I want to reiterate this point. These also need to be completed the night of the game or the next morning. There are some crews who are entering these in a week later or not at all. **If you are a pool crew, you still need to enter in a foul report.** It is imperative that these are timely, complete and accurate. I would also suggest adding notes with fouls such as TGT, UNS, UNR, etc.

HUDL

- Training tape 6 has been published. Please go review and let us know if you have any questions.

Commitment and Your Availability

- I have avoided this subject as Stacy does a good job of reminding you regularly, but folks please, take the time to update your availability in Reftown. I will personally be happy to walk you through this if you need help. Frankly it is ridiculous for our assigners to have to make 5+ attempts at assigning a game due to folks declining because of work commitment or being out of town. The vast majority of you stay on top of this, and I want to say thank you for doing so. Your professionalism and courtesy is much appreciated.
- If you have to turn back a sub-varsity assignment, remember per our OPs, it is YOUR responsibility to find your replacement. Our SV assigners will always work with you but you need to do your part. Failure to do so will result in turn back fees being charged.

- If a varsity assignment needs to be turned back, **the first person you should inform is your referee and then call or text the VAS.** Sending an email is ok weeks in advance, but the day of for an emergency, a phone call is required.
- This officiating of ours is a commitment. I know that each of you all have your personal and professional lives that are more important than this, but keep in mind how many folks you are effecting when you turn back an accepted game. Before you get angry at the mere notion that I might be talking to any of you personally or down playing the reasons any of you have had for turning back an assignment, trust me, I am not. I just want to reiterate that turning back an assignment can and most often times does create a domino effect that may not be realized. **Be a professional and do your part to make the changes as smooth as possible for those involved.**

Film Sharing

- Sharing your HUDL tapes with other crews for scouting purposes should not be happening.
 - You can find out who the teams' key players are via youtube, stat sheets, and maxpreps. You don't need the HUDL film to do that.
 - If you are scouting a team to find tendencies etc., you will undoubtedly throw on something you normally wouldn't.
 - You all should know what is legal and what a foul is. Know your stuff, call what you see and you will be fine!

TRAINING

Face Shields

- Until this is fixed, I am going to have to keep putting it in the bulletin. **Must be clear and colorless. Yes, this means the rose colored ones and the colorless ones that have a mirror effect. Clear is clear folks, by not enforcing this, you are cutting the legs out from your co-officials.**

UIL Rule on Field Goals (#52 in the UIL Exceptions)

- This is not a philosophy and an actual rule. Let's make sure that we are up to date with this and communicating it with the coaches clearly.
 - There are a few examples of this in the training tape this week, please go look at the comments and the plays.

Abrupt Movement by A on a Field Goal

- Coaches have questioned the legality of Team A **abruptly** going down in their stances on a try or field goal. It is obvious that this is solely designed to get team B to react and come into the NZ. We need to put this on the offense, not the defense. If you see it and the defense does not react, leave it alone, but immediately warn the coach that the penalty will be on the offense if the defense reacts. This is a repeat point from last week, but there is an example of it in this week's training tape.

Defense Jumping Into the Neutral Zone

- If a defender jumps into the NZ he must get back to his original position in order to be out of the NZ. If he is still going backwards at the snap he is still in the NZ. We aren't that good to split hairs. Put this one on the defense. Said another way, if they jump forward, when in question it is offside on the defense.

Things to Remember

- Own your position
- Get in position to make the call. Mechanics are the key.
- Use the philosophies and techniques you've been taught.
- Missed calls are usually because you stayed with your key too long or not long enough.
- Officiate lines and threats by their order of occurrence and level of importance.

The coaches' comments/complaints again were again fairly minimal this week and when they were lengthy, we were right most of the time. Keep getting better and hone in on your mechanics. Proud to be a part of the best chapter in the State of Texas! If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please reach out to myself, Stacy, Chad or Rod.

GOOD LUCK THIS WEEK!

Regards,

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