



**Fort Worth Football Officials
New Member Training**

Our plan for today

- Introductions
- Schedule
- Uniforms
- Learning about officiating
- Resources
- Questions



Instructors

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Instructors

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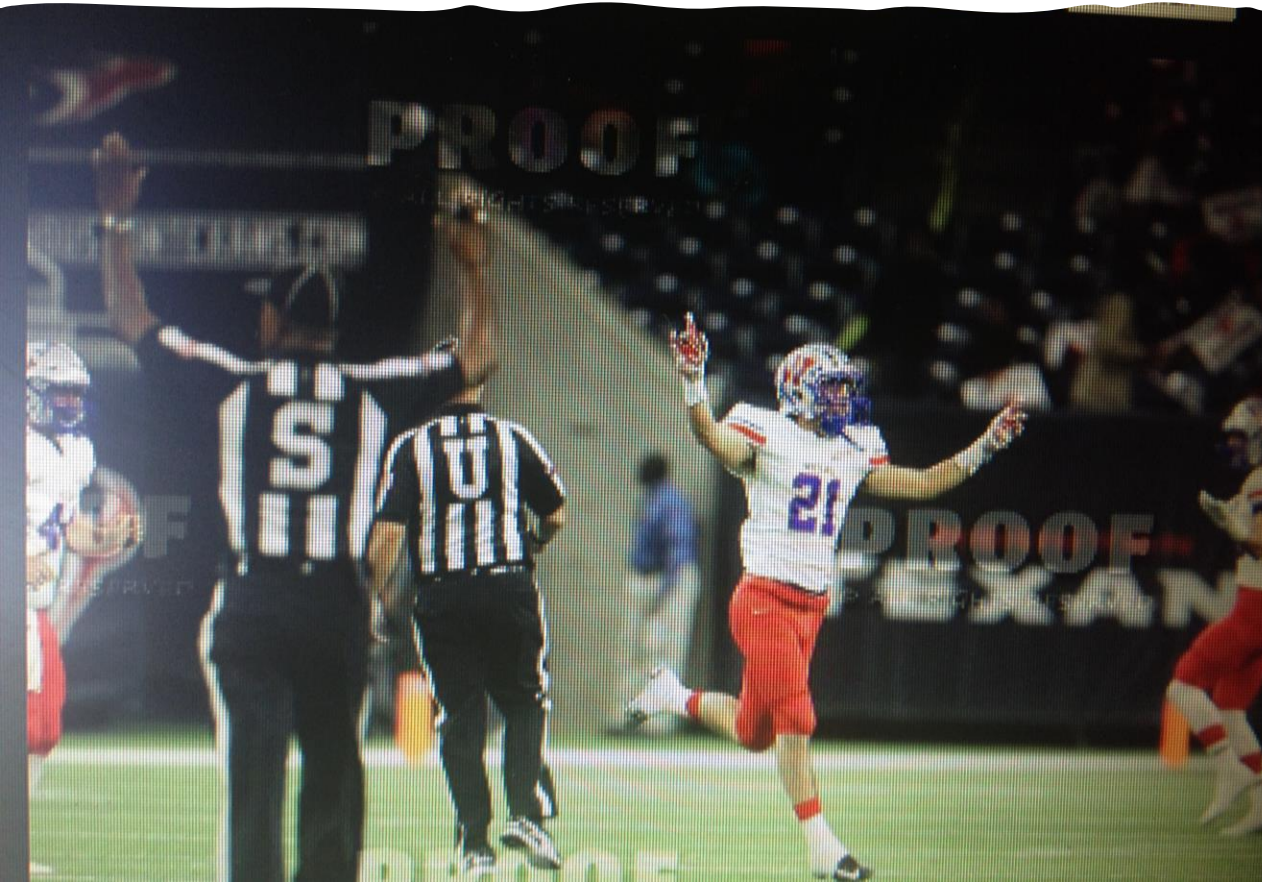
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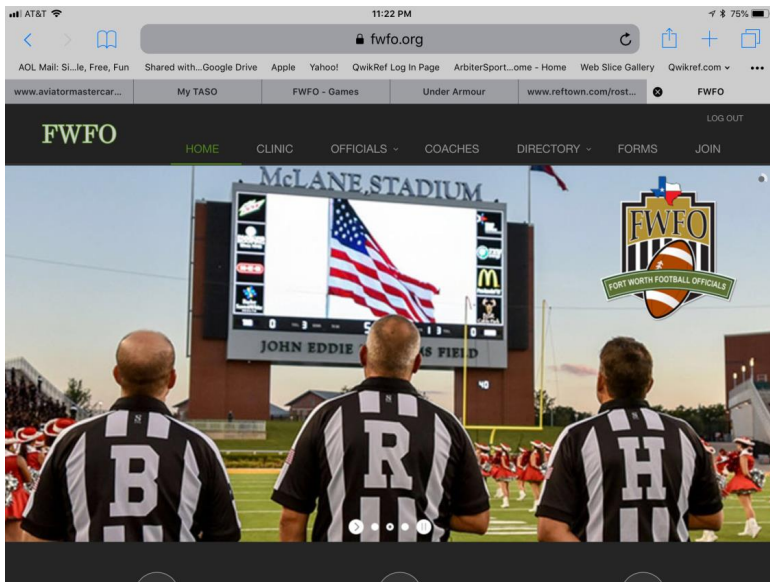
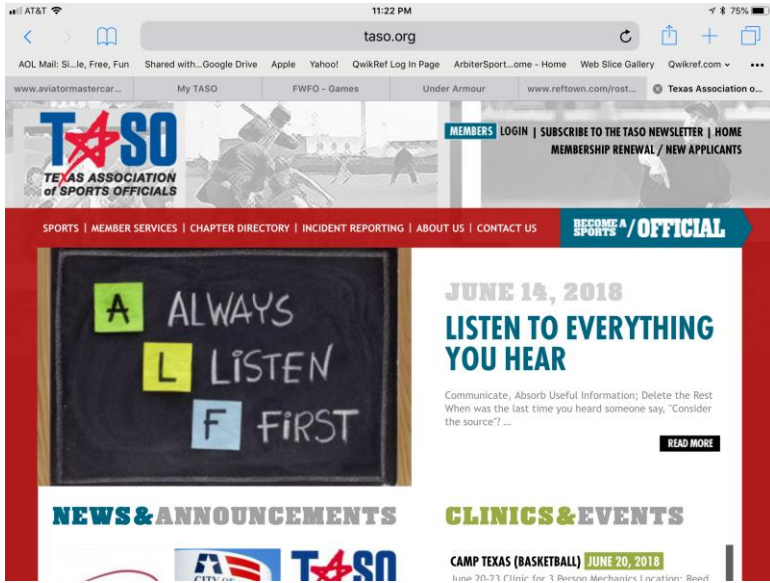


New Members 2024 Schedule

New Members Fall Training

- First meeting today! July 15th
- Every remaining Monday in July/August
- No meeting Labor Day
- Every other Monday through October





Most of you should be here:

- Application (FWFO.org/join, taso.org)
- \$30 chapter fee
- \$40 TASO fee
- Rule book: Free download @ ncaa.org
- Mentorship – we will help!



Life of a Football Official

- We do it for the love of the game, the constant challenge...and appreciate that we get compensated financially.
- Pre-season: clinics, meetings, rules study
 - Scrimmages
 - Get in shape! Heat acclimation
- In-season: rules study, meetings, games!
 - Monday: New Member Meetings
 - Tuesday-Thursday: Subvarsity games (assigned or self-assigned)
 - Friday: Chains, clock, or even on-field for varsity games



Starting out

- Be patient – don't give up!
- Take notes
- Use your mentor
- Don't give up



Equipment – on-field

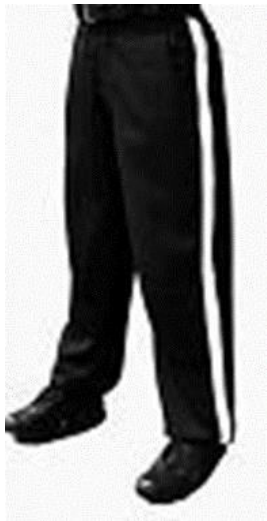


Shirts (must be TASO-approved)

- “Placard” – position letter on the back
- “Sublimated” – not a patch, actually transfers the dye on the shirt

Long-sleeve – you’ll need it eventually

- When it gets to that time of year, BRING BOTH!



Pants (with white seams)

- Chain assignments, varsity assignments



Shorts (black shorts with white side seams)

- Authorized for scrimmages and sub-varsity assignments

Equipment – on-field



Undershirt/undershorts... crucial!

- Black is required



Socks

- With shorts, ankle-length preferred (but not necessarily required – compression socks, calf sleeves if black)
- With pants, at least crew-length preferred
 - Try compression?



Belt – black leather

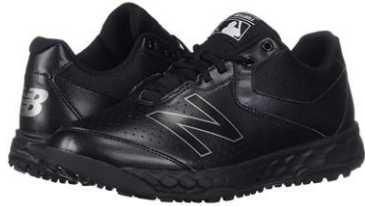
- Can be the shiny kind (“patent leather”) or matte kind

Equipment – on-field



Shoes – predominantly black with black laces

- Can have some white but must be mostly black
- Cleats, no cleats, “turf cleats”



Black hat with white piping

- You will not need a white hat



Whistle and lanyard – pealess

- Most popular – Fox 40
- Multiple styles of lanyard – extra long, adjustable, breakaway
- Finger whistle...if you do your signals right!



Equipment – on-field



Penalty flag – black or yellow covered



Down indicator



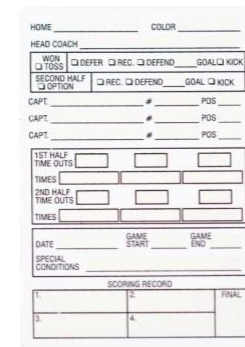
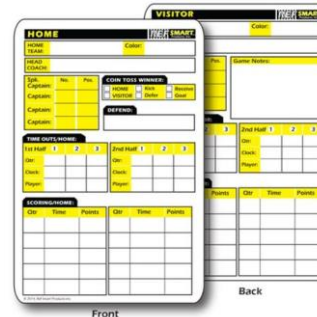
Chain clip



Bean bag – black and white are the only TASO-approved bags

Watch – many varieties (dual-function count up/down soccer watches work great, but so will a \$10 Timex)

Writing utensils/game cards



Flipping coin (or quarter)



Equipment – chain crew



Black hat
White polo
Belt
Black pants
Black shoes
Chain clip

In your bag...everything else!

- Clipboard
- Extra paper/utensils
- The rest of your full uniform in case you need to hop in

Other uniform considerations

- Subvarsity and chain assignments – come dressed
 - Most will come “half-dressed” for driving comfort and complete the ensemble in the parking lot
- Varsity games: 1.5 – 2 hours before kickoff, dress in locker room
 - Some exceptions for facilities without adequate space
- Bags
 - Many varsity officials use small-medium roller suitcases to carry their gear
 - For subvarsity games I will pack a duffel bag



Where to buy

Stripes Plus (based in Van Alstyne, TX) - <https://stripesplus.com/>

Officials Gear Outlet (based in Conroe, TX) - <https://officialsgearoutlet.com/>

Ump Junk (based in San Antonio, TX) - <https://umpjunksa.com/>

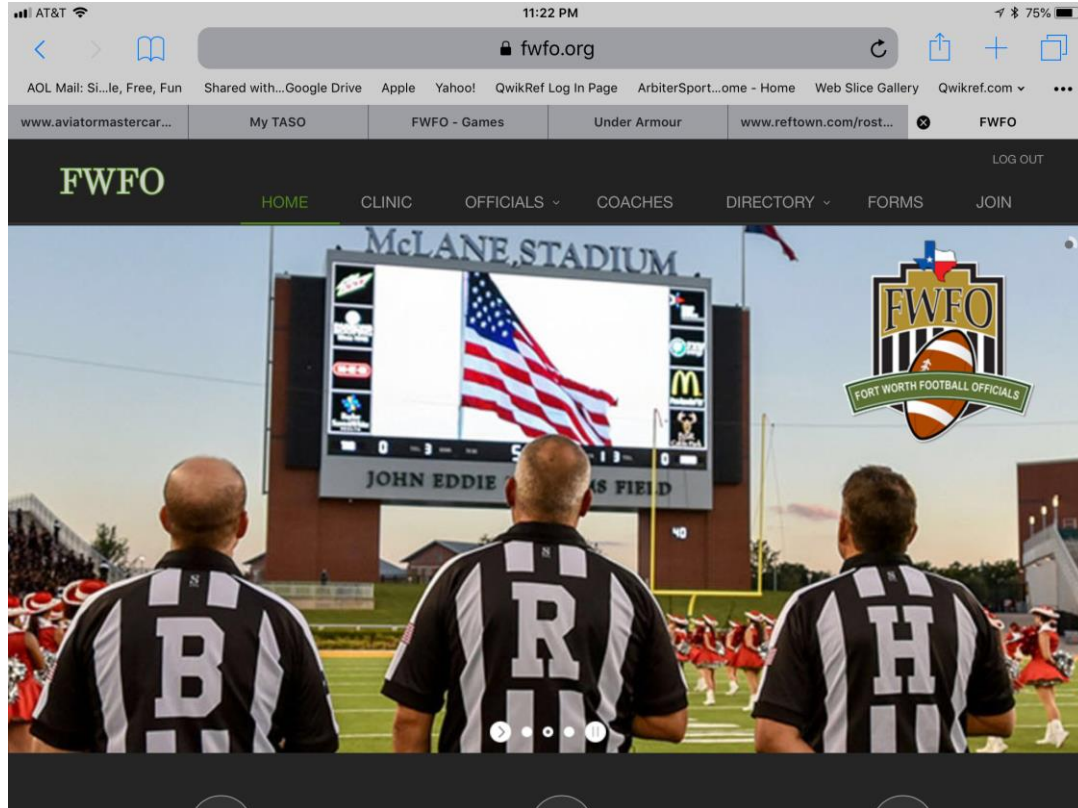
Some other locations where you may find other accessories you like:

- [Smitty Outlet Store](#) (defective or discontinued products at your own risk, sometimes can get very cheap deals – look closely though and ask us if you have questions)
- [Ump Attire](#) (no TASO gear but I've bought other items from them)
- [OfficialSports.net](#) (they have a brick and mortar store here in North Richland Hills. They don't sell TASO shirts but have other football items)

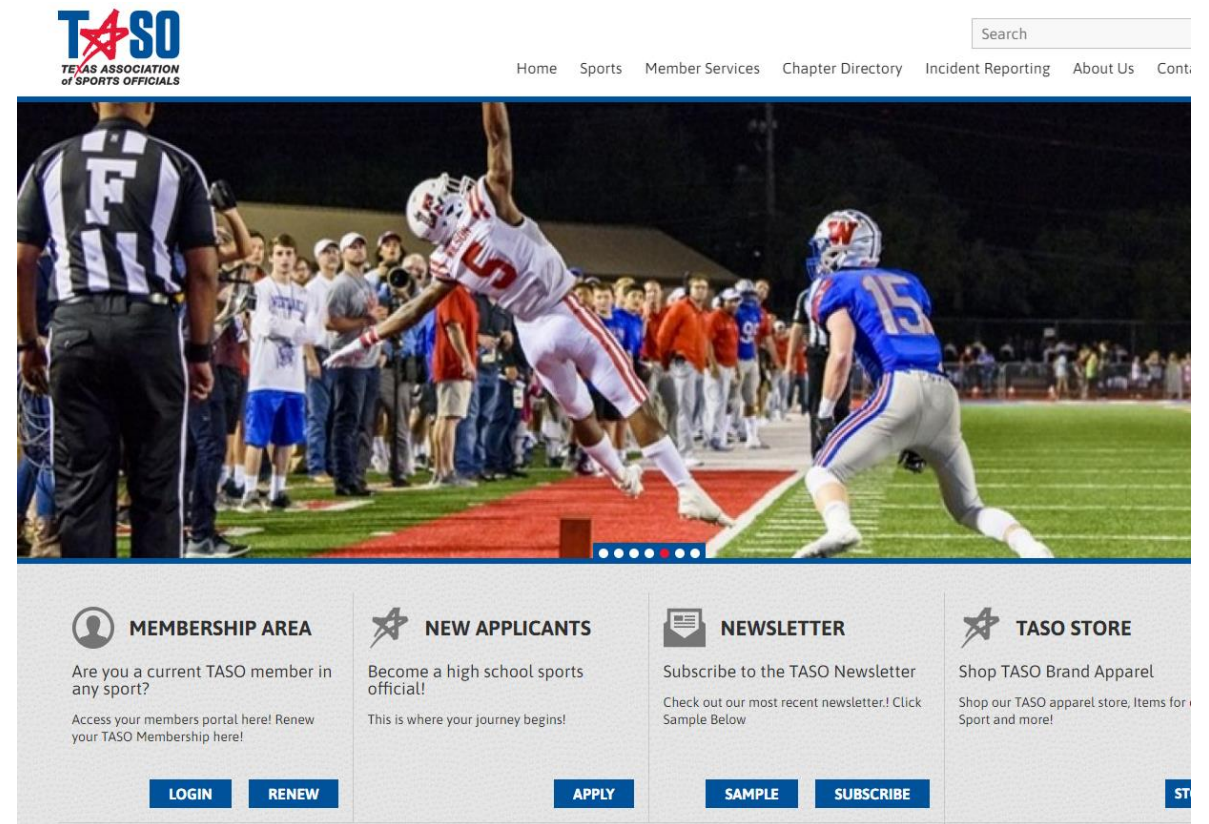
Most of these places have efficient shipping, so you can wait a couple of weeks before you need to get on the ball. Be wary of the starter packs - sometimes it comes with too much or too narrow of a selection. Start small with the necessities and build as you figure out what you like and see what other officials have.



Resources



Fwfo.org

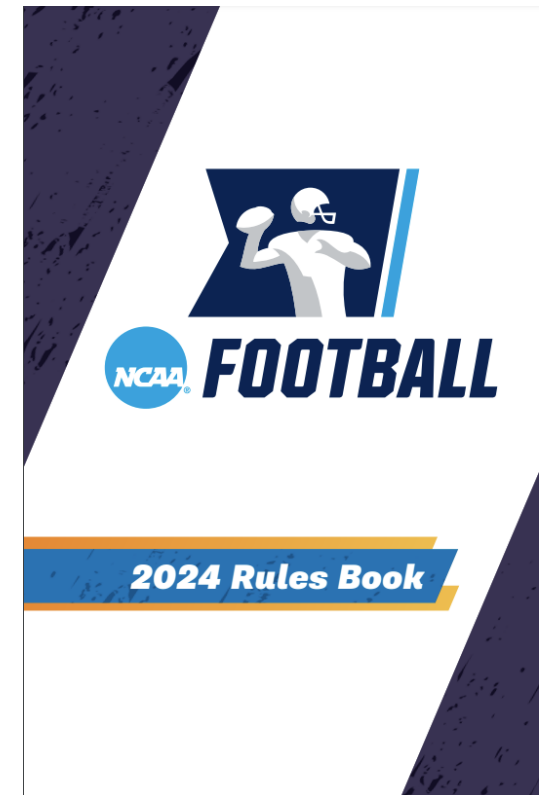


Taso.org





Your best resource...the rule book!



**2024 pdf available on NCAA site
Or fwfo.org/forms**



Rules

Rules

2024 NCAA Rule Book - Jun 13, 2024

2024 UIL Exceptions - Jul 4, 2024



Rule 1 – The Game, Field, Players and Equipment

Rule 2 – Definitions

Rule 3 – Periods, Time Factors and Substitutions

Rule 4 – Ball in Play, Dead Ball, Out of Bounds

Rule 5 – Series of Downs, Line to Gain

Rule 6 – Kicks

Rule 7 – Snapping and Passing the Ball

Rule 8 – Scoring

Rule 9 – Conduct of Players and Others Subject to the Rules

Rule 10 – Penalty Enforcement

Rule 11 – The Officials: Jurisdiction and Duties

Rule 12 – Instant Replay



Mechanics Manual

Mechanics

2024 TASO 3 Person Mechanics - Jun 17, 2024

2024 TASO 4 Person Mechanics - Jun 17, 2024

2024 TASO 5 Person Mechanics - Jun 17, 2024

2024 TASO 7 Person Mechanics - Jun 17, 2024

2024 TASO Chain & Clock Mechanics - Jun 19, 2024



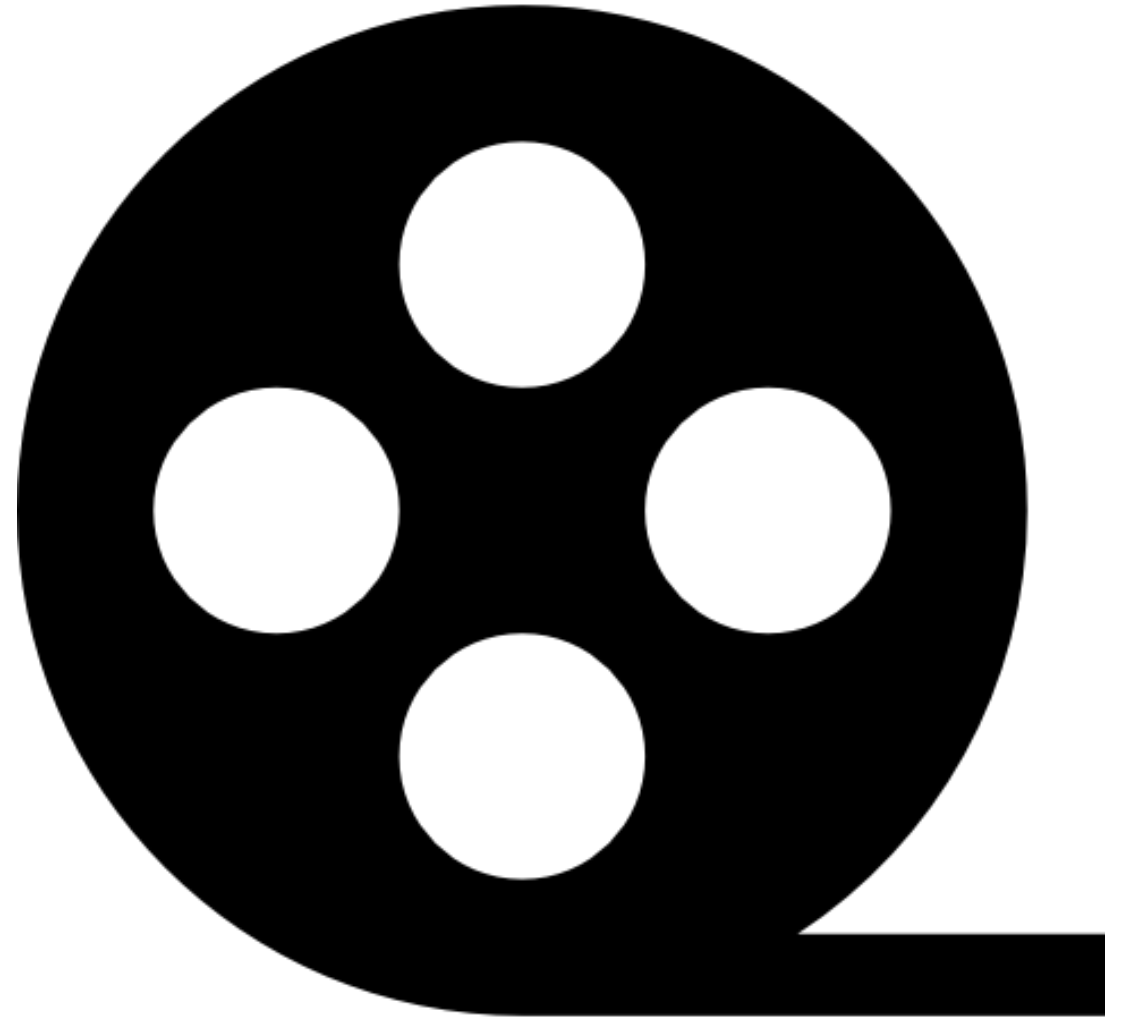
Film Review

Less **what happened**

More **what can we learn?**

- Watch the play through
- Who should be looking where? “Keys”
- What rule(s) are involved on this play?
- What are the correct mechanics on this play?

Could we have been in a better position to see the action?



Tests/Scenarios

“What if”?

Rules tests are effective ways to stay sharp!

- Challenge yourself to answer “closed book” and then check your answers
- Come up with your own scenarios

Format: Team, Down/Distance, Line of Scrimmage, clock status

Q: A 1/10 @ A-35 with the clock running. Prior to the snap, tackle A74 jumps up to start blocking. Defensive tackle B99 subsequently runs across the neutral zone.

A: A 1/15 @ A-30, ready-for-play.



Optional Resources



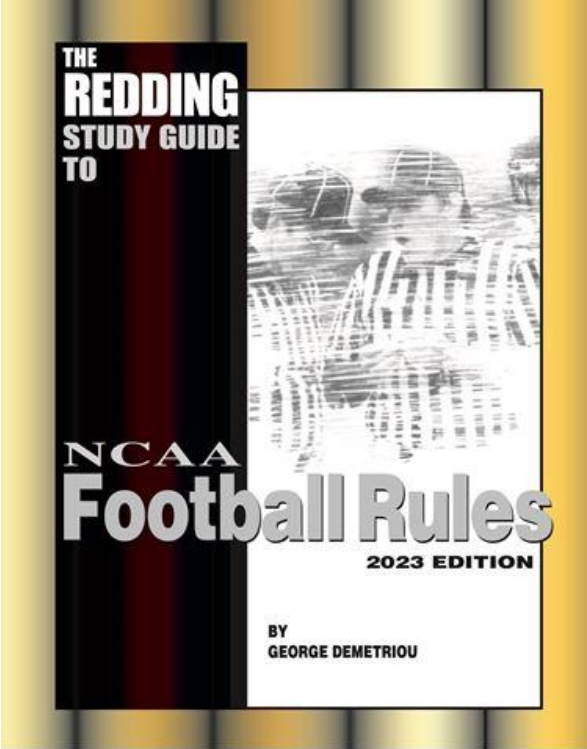
RULE 11
Officials



www.rule11officials.com



*RefQuest +
\$40 CFO membership for
TASO members*



The groups

UIL: **University Interscholastic League**

- Organization and supervision of extracurricular contests

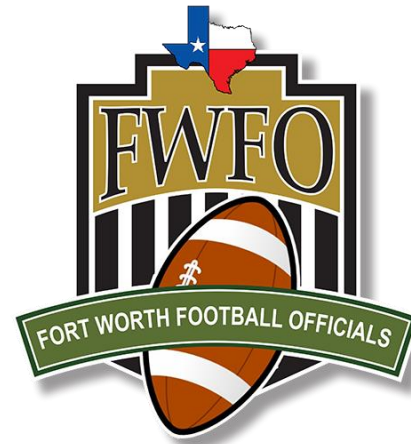
TAPPS: **Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools**

TASO: **Texas Association of Sports Officials**

- Independent, but works closely with UIL and TAPPS

FWFO: **Fort Worth Football Officials**

- A “chapter” of officials



Within our chapter

What is your experience?



Division

Points

Games worked, clinics attended

Division V:	0 – 59 points
Division IV:	60 – 179
Division III:	180 – 359
Division II:	360 - 659
Division I:	660 or more



Place

Years of membership

Place 1:	0-5 years
Place 2:	6-10 years
Place 3:	6-10 years
Place 4:	11+ years
Place 5:	11+ years





Within our chapter

Leadership

“The Board”: Officers and Board Members

President	Vice President	Immediate Past President	Chapter Secretary
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Representatives: one for each of the 5 Places

Assignments

VAC: The Varsity Assigning Committee

Varsity Assignment Secretary	President	Vice President	Immediate Past President
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Sub-Varsity Coordinators/Assignors

Responsible for assignment of sub-varsity games
 Each responsible for a different geographic segment of schools served

This year:



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Next meeting July 22nd

Read Rule 2

We will cover

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- Rule 2

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