

FWFO Bulletin Week 2

Taking Care of Business

- Incident reports
 - Most of you have heard this for years, but if something happens in one of your games this season, and an incident report is warranted, please make sure to fill this out within **24 hours of the incident**. If you are unsure about when and why an incident report should be filed, please reach out to a chapter officer for clarification. We had three ejections from last Friday get turned in today. **This is not acceptable.**
- Foul reports
 - These also need to be completed the night of the game or the next morning. It is imperative that these are timely, complete and accurate. We use these to evaluate coaches' questions or complaints and without a foul report, it makes that quite difficult. Also coaches want these to help them coach their kids. It is a really bad look when they are not available because some crews do not turn any in.
- HUDL
 - Training tape 3 has been published. Please go review! It's pretty sad to see folks haven't even activated their HUDL account or spend 30 seconds in the systems a week. This is the only way we get better, so please do not ignore this very useful training tool. This week's tape should take you 10 minutes to review.
 - To view training tapes you need to have annotations turned on, use HUDL Classic, and it is best viewed in a web browser, not the app. If any of you have trouble using HUDL, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.
 - Drew has created a folder in the 2023/24 Season at the top called "Development/Training" –FWFO Training Tapes will be located here to make them easy to find.

Training

- Face shields – Must be clear and **colorless**. Anything that has color is considered to have tint and you must have the player remove it prior to kick off. **This must be enforced by every crew, every week.**
- Penalty enforcement, the down and clock management is the entire crew's job.
 - We had way too many fouls whose penalties were enforced incorrectly last week. If you throw the flag you better know the enforcement.

- Have the courage to question what you believe to be incorrect.
- Keep crew conferences to a minimum, but get it right.
 - Sideline interference is a live ball foul treated as a dead ball foul. The 15 yard penalty is enforced at the succeeding spot.

One of the worst things we can be is an officiating zealot when we are on the field. While we want everyone to be passionate about this profession, remember these things.

- Be non-memorable. People come to the game to watch the players, not you.
- Manage the game without interjecting yourself into the game.
- Warn whenever possible as long as they respond
- Use common sense.
- A foul with no flag is infinitely better than a flag with no foul.
- The play is never over. Be great dead ball officials.
- Have presence and use it whenever possible.
- Use your flag as a game management tool as a last resort.

We had a great opening week and covered a very big schedule. Thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped the chapter cover it. The coaches' comments/complaints were fairly minimal, and the vast majority of the time, we were right. However, let's not be complacent. **To be great, you have to get better every single week.** Recognize your mistakes, own them with your crew, and improve. 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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