

FWFO Bulletin Week 8

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Sub Varsity Waiver

- Reminder that the deadline to purchase a sub varsity waiver is this Sunday, October 15th. If not purchased, you must call 20 sub varsity games by the end of the season in order to be playoff eligible (2023) and crew eligible (2024).

Crew Chief Classes

- Rod McLain will be offering 4 sessions for those looking to complete their crew chief requirements for the '24 season. We will have those dates out to you early next week at the latest.

Availability

- Update your availability in Reftown. Please folks, it is not hard. Our assignors put in a ton of time to get these games covered. The time spent is much more than you realize.

HUDL

- Training tape 8 has been published. Please go review and let us know if you have any questions.

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/pink colored ones and the colorless ones that have a mirror effect. This is also at the sub varsity level! Clear is clear folks, by not enforcing this, you are cutting the legs out from your co-officials. **If you aren't sure it's clear and colorless, make them take it off.**

Blocking Below the Waist

- **Under no circumstance, can a pulling offensive lineman be legally blocked below the waist by the defense.**

Offensive Holding

- Every grab does not rise to the level of a foul for holding. Therefore, a philosophy has been developed to enable officials to apply the rule in a meaningful manner. To rise to the level of a foul for offensive holding, the restriction must have an effect on the play. The defender must have a clear opportunity to make a play at or near the point of attack. Or, the restriction is immediate or so flagrant, such as, an immediate take down depriving a defender who is not in the vicinity of the play of any opportunity to get near the point of attack. If there is a double team block, you cannot have a foul for offensive holding 99% of the time.
- Knowing a category for your foul and seeing the second act is crucial to getting these right and being consistent. Notice how there is always a second act in the offensive holding categories below.
 - Grab & Restrict: The blocker controls the defender with two hands outside* the defender's frame usually at the shoulders. The blocker controls the defenders movement preventing him from reaching for the runner to make a tackle or rushing the passer. The key to recognizing this as a foul will be the defenders unsuccessful attempts to tackle the runner or rush the quarterback.
 - Hook & Turn: The blocker hooks the defender above the waist with one hand and controls or redirects defender's movement. This is usually occurs when the blockers feet are beat and the defender is even with him or past him.
 - Take Down: The blocker grabs the defender with two hands or hooks him with one hand above the waste and takes him to the ground.
 - Reverse Take Down: The blocker, who appears to be getting overpowered or run over, grabs the defender inside the frame of his body and pulls the defender down on top of him as he is falling backward.
 - Tackle: This usually occurs when the blocker loses contact with the defender; or the defender beats the blockers feet and is even with him or beyond him, or the defender is running away from the blocker. The blocker grabs or hooks the defender around the waist or below, or dives and hooks the defender with one or both arms or hands at the lower legs or ankles causing the defender to go to the ground.

I want to apologize to all of you for not getting a bulletin or training tape out last week. I had some family health issues I had to prioritize. I'll be back on schedule for the remainder of the season.

The coaches' comments/complaints again were extremely light this week and last. Keep up the good work. This week has been very difficult with injuries and a heavy schedule, so thank you all for stepping up. 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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