

FWFO Bulletin 09/22/2022

Good afternoon all! We have four weeks under our belt and so far everything is going fairly smooth with the games that we are calling. A few things to touch on so please make sure you read this bulletin in its entirety.

Taking Care of Business

- **Take care of our young officials**
- Working other positions
 - As stated in Stacy's email, you are to work the position you are assigned in Reftown. This is what is shared with the coaches and any position changes will be directed by the VAS/VAC. As crew chiefs you are NEVER to direct or allow switching positions amongst your crew. This comes solely from the VAS/VAC.
- Face shields on helmets – **DIRECTIVE FROM THE UIL**
 - Face shields must be completely clear with ZERO tint of any kind. This includes the “clear” face shields that have a rose colored tint. Notice the word tint in the last sentence. The coaches won't like this, but we have to enforce it. They must be removed at any level. You may see these at the college level, but the UIL Exception is universal and there is nothing that can make a tinted visor legal. The UIL may approve tinted glasses or goggles for a player, but they are only allowed if the coach presents a letter from the UIL. A doctor's note does not make them legal.
- Incident reports
 - **Please make sure you are filing incident reports in a timely fashion. If you are unsure about when and why an incident report should be filed, please reach out to a chapter officer for clarification.**
- Disqualifications
 - We do not disqualify a player for ONE unsportsmanlike conduct foul that is not written in the rules as a disqualifying event. I don't care how badly an 8th grader cusses you, he must receive two unsportsmanlike conduct fouls in order to be disqualified.
- Sub varsity requirements and waiver
 - Open on the website, and will close on the 15th of October at midnight.
 - Please review the OPs and Karl's email that was sent out this week regarding the requirements.
 - Nothing has changed from last year.

- Availability in Reftown
 - Again, I feel like we have been saying this for months...Please go in and update your availability in Reftown. The moment you know you have a conflict, please go in and take care of that.

Training

- Third training tape shared via HUDL.
- Blocking below the waist
 - Under no circumstance, can a pulling offensive lineman be legally blocked below the waist by the defense.
- Mechanics
 - Please review reverse mechanics. We have way too many short flanks stopping and not keeping cushion on these plays.
- Awareness and Preparedness
 - Make it a point on your crew to be aware of certain situations during games.
 - Examples:
 - Time winding down during the half – the offense might want to call a timeout to get one more play. Be aware that the coach may want a timeout.
 - 4th down inside the B40. The whole crew needs to be aware that a field goal might be coming and get into position quickly
 - Don't just assume a coach will want a penalty accepted. Know the situation and give him the option on penalties that are not obvious.
 - R's if you are going to be mic'd up and you are not usually, be prepared for this situation. This takes practice just like anything. Watch the guys on Saturday and Sunday. They will give you some great examples on announcements.
 - Being bad on the mic can make a crew look much worse than they really are, and it does work the opposite way. Being good on the mic can actually make you seem better than you really are. While we don't want the latter to be the case, it's just a fact. Perception is reality.
- Good officials don't do one thing 100% better than everybody else, they do one-hundred things 1% better than everybody else.

Good luck to each of you this week and I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please reach out to myself, Stacy, Chad or Rod.

Regards,

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