

FWFO Bulletin 10/20/2022

Taking Care of Business

- **Banquet RSVP** – now on your profile page on the website. Please RSVP so we can get an accurate headcount.
- Sub Varsity Requirements
 - The waiver deadline has passed. Please make sure you are getting your games in.
- Crew Chief Training
 - One class left - Monday, October 24th, 6:30 pm
- Payment Issues
 - If you are more than 30 days past the date of an assignment and you have not been paid, please let Karl Wright know as soon as possible to get this rectified.
- Board Nominations
 - Please review the emails sent by Arthur.
 - Nominations for FWFO board positions are open now and close on the 24th at 6:30 PM.
 - Place 2, 4 and CAST are up for election this year and nominations have only been received for place 4.
 - We will have a zoom set up at 7:30 PM for nominees to address the membership on Monday the 24th.

Training

- Seventh training tape shared via HUDL.
- Blocking below the waist
 - **We still aren't calling this correctly, but we are getting better.** Thank you all for your work to improve this. See the tape, rulebook, and previous bulletins.
- There have been multiple instances from coaches regarding us not calling defensive offside and our in the game explanation is something along the lines “Coach they are not gaining any advantage.”
 - When did the offside on a deep free kick philosophy merge into plays from scrimmage? **It has not.**

- When a defensive player has his whole head in the NZ, there is an advantage gained. He can get on the offensive lineman much quicker being offside.
- Now let's use common sense here and make sure that these are obvious quality fouls, but you will always be supported for calling DOF when a defender is clearly lined up in the neutral zone and these always need to be called.
 - **“Be 100% on the basic, non-judgment fouls for your position...take your chances with the rest.”**
- Always call player safety fouls.
- **The play is never over. Be great dead ball officials.**
- Pass Interference
 - The overwhelming number of DPI calls that are made, involve actions where the defender is not playing the ball. Not playing the ball is not a foul in and of itself, but it puts the official on high alert for contact that may occur prior to the ball's arrival (early contact or ECT). If the defender is playing the ball, he is afforded more latitude relative to incidental contact. We see this on fade routes, especially in the end zone where both players have their hands on each other and as the ball arrives, provided the offensive player does not push off to create separation (OPI) and the defender does not grab the receiver or his arms restricting him from getting his arms up, all other contact is incidental to making a play for the ball. Other forms of DPI are “playing through the back” of a receiver (PTB) who has established position. If both players have what we call “equal position” (example of this would be on the same yard line, shoulder to shoulder) then both players have equal rights to the ball and any contact from this position is considered incidental. Another is a “hook and turn” (HT) where a defender is positioned slightly behind or to the side, trailing the receiver with one hand on the receiver and as the ball is arriving, reaches across with the other hand to bat the ball down. If he hooks or turns the receiver as he is reaching to bat the ball, then this becomes a foul. Just having the hand on the receiver with no hook or turn and then batting the ball is not a foul. The last two categories for DPI are an arm bar where the defender uses his hand or arm to restrict the receiver from getting one of his hands or arm up to play the ball and the final one is a cutoff (CO) where the defender places his body in front of the receiver while riding him out of bounds or intentionally slowing down the

prevent the receiver from running his route and both of these are usually associated with not playing the ball as well.

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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