



New Officials Orientation

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Agenda

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- Lets' Have Some Fun
- Becoming a Football Official
 - Officiating nuggets
 - Keys to learning/improving
 - Common language/how we speak
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- New Officials Training Schedule
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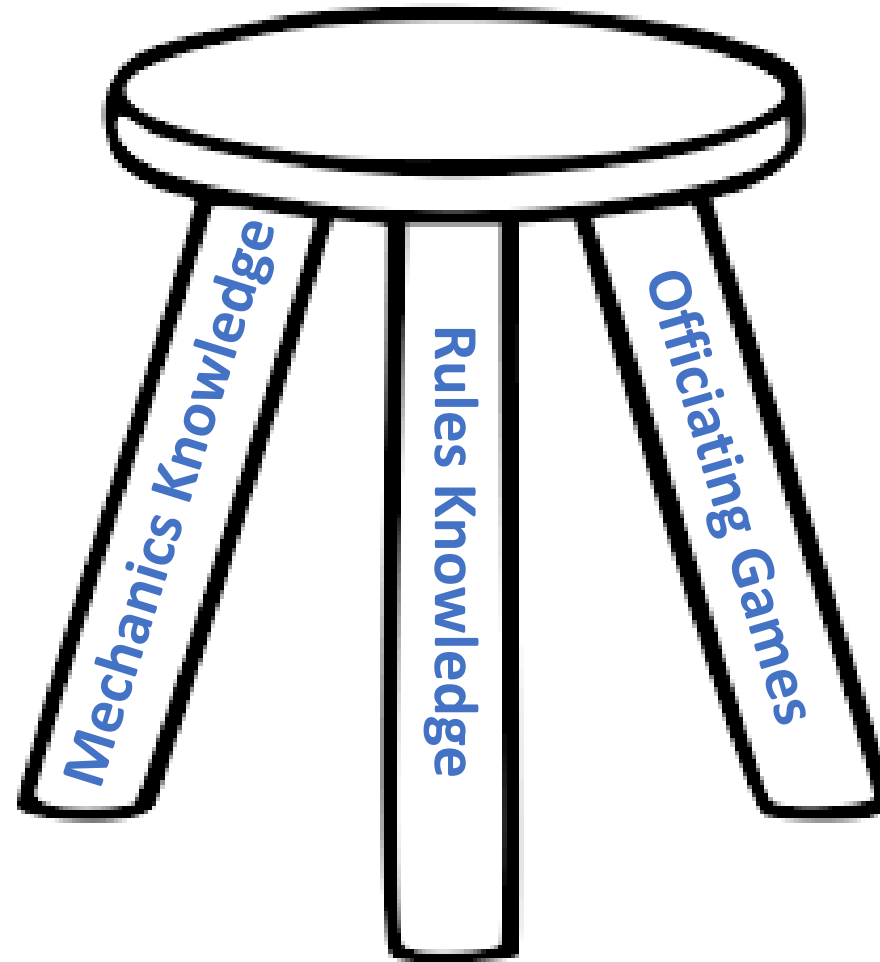
Let's Have Some Fun

1. On a play snapped from the 20-yd line going in. The pass is incomplete but the defense committed a Pass Interference foul in the end zone. The penalty will give the ball to the passing team on the 1-yd line? **(True or False)**
2. An offensive lineman (#78) is two yards beyond the line of scrimmage, when the QB throws a pass 10 yards downfield. No foul. **(True or False)**
3. Blocks below the waist are legal on kicking plays as long as they are from the front? **(True or False)**
4. At the kick-off, at least four kicking team players must be on each side of the kicker. **(True or False)**
5. If the offense snaps the ball with only 10 players it is a foul? **(True or False)**
6. What is the maximum length of a football allowed by rule?

Officiating Nuggets

- *Mastering the definitions in the rulebook is critical to understanding the rules.*
- *You'll learn to admit you're wrong and move on quickly.*
- *You'll start to watch football from an officiating perspective instead a fan's perspective.*
- *Officiating teaches you to become a better leader.*
- *The action isn't always where the ball is.*
- *You'll learn to ignore obnoxious fans.*
- *You'll drive your spouse/significant other crazy with your officiating stories.*
- *You'll sit in the stands and mumble "you're wrong" every time you hear another person in the stands yell at the officials because said fan does not know the rules.*
- *Advancement may come slower than you expect — but better a year late than a year too soon.*
- *You won't work varsity right away — and shouldn't.*

Keys to Learning and Improving



How we Speak

During all of our discussions...

- **TEAM A** is the team that puts the ball in play.
- **TEAM B** is the opponent.
- **OFFENSE** is the team in possession.
- **DEFENSE** is the team NOT in possession.
- **TEAM A** & **TEAM B** designations DO NOT CHANGE during the down even though offensive and defensive designations CAN.
- **TEAM A** & **TEAM B** retain these designations until the ball is next ready for play.
- **A-30** = Team A's side of the field 30-yard line, similarly **B-5** is the 5-yard line on Team B's side of the field
- **A22** = Team A player wearing jersey with #22, **B45** = Team B player wearing #45

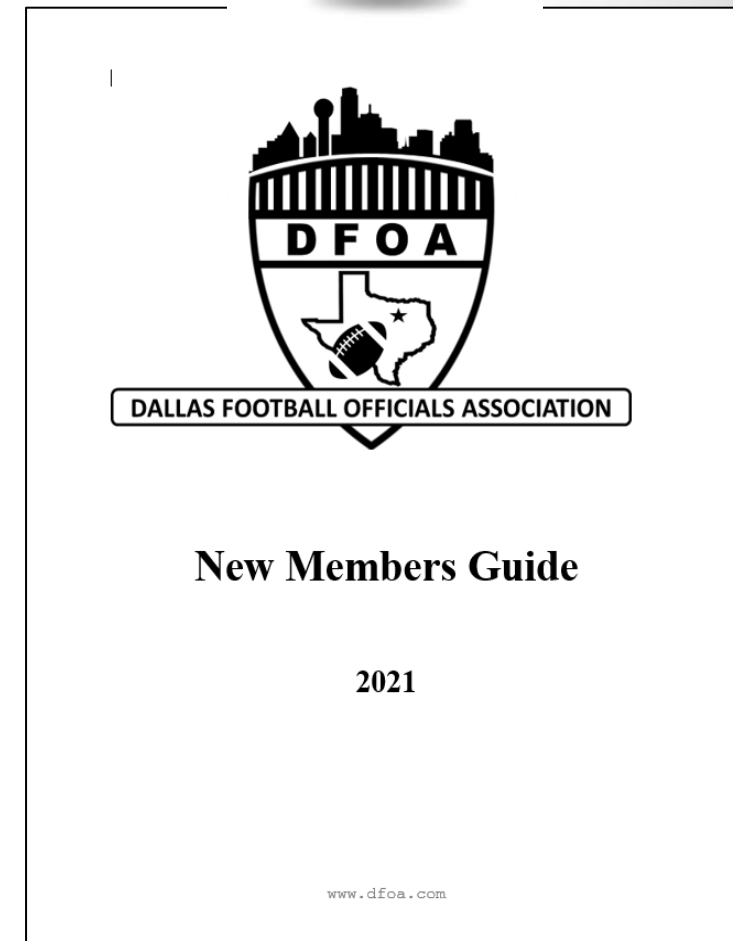
How we Speak – Example Play

Team A, 1st & 10 at the A-30. The QB, A11, takes the snap and rolls to his right and throws a forward pass toward A88 at the B-40 where B23 intercepts the pass and runs to the A-45 where he is tackled. While B23 is returning the ball, B95 blocked A22 below the waist at the B-45. At the snap **Team A** had 5 players in the backfield.

- Who is on offense and Who is on Defense?
 - Team A - **Offense** until interception, then on **Defense**, but are still Team A
 - Team B – **Defense** until interception then on **Offense**, but are still Team B
- How many fouls were there? **Two**
- What is the result of the play? **Team B, 1st and 10 at the B-30**

New Members Guide

- Provides important details on becoming a new football official
- Please read as it will answer most common questions
- Available on dfoa.com & in Reftown



Training Schedule

- **New Members training** - Monday nights, 6:30pm
 - Monday's from July 12th thru Aug 30th
 - Complete Training Schedule is in the New Members Guide and on dfoa.com
- **TASO Annual Football Meeting – Saturday, July 31st**
 - Virtual on-line meeting this year (due to COVID-19). Stay tuned for details.
 - [Free for new officials](#)
 - Earn TASO education points
- **Scrimmages – On-field scrimmages start in August.**
 - We will reserve several scrimmages for new officials only. There will be experienced officials with you to instruct at each position.
- **New Officials Observations**
 - You can request an observer to watch you during a sub-varsity game and provide meaningful feedback to help you get better. We'll talk more about this later.

Box-Man Program

- Opportunity to be a member of an existing Varsity Crew
 - Responsible for down-box for the Crew in High School Varsity
 - Provides season long mentorship from the crew
 - You do get paid as well
- Refer to New Members Guide for more details
- If interested please email secretary@dfoa.com

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Transferring to DFOA from Out-of-State?

If you want to be pursue credit for previous football officiating experience, please provide the following information to the DFOA Chapter Secretary (secretary@dfoa.com).

- Letter of recommendation from your prior association(s)
- List of games the levels that you have officiated from your prior association(s)

Next Steps

- Complete registration(s)
 - Both [TASO](#) & [DFOA](#) registrations are required
- Complete your Reftown registration/profile:
 - Reftown: www.reftown.org
 - Block any dates you cannot work when known
 - Contact secretary@dfoa.com if you have issues
- Contact satellite secretaries to request game assignments
 - Let them know you are a new official
- Get your uniform as soon as possible
- Read NCAA Rule 2 – Definitions before next class – July 12th
 - We use NCAA Rules with UIL Exceptions. Click [here](#) for access to the latest rules.

Questions?

**Don't forget
First class starts Monday, July 12th**

Email btiff@sbcglobal.net if you have any additional questions