



New Officials Orientation

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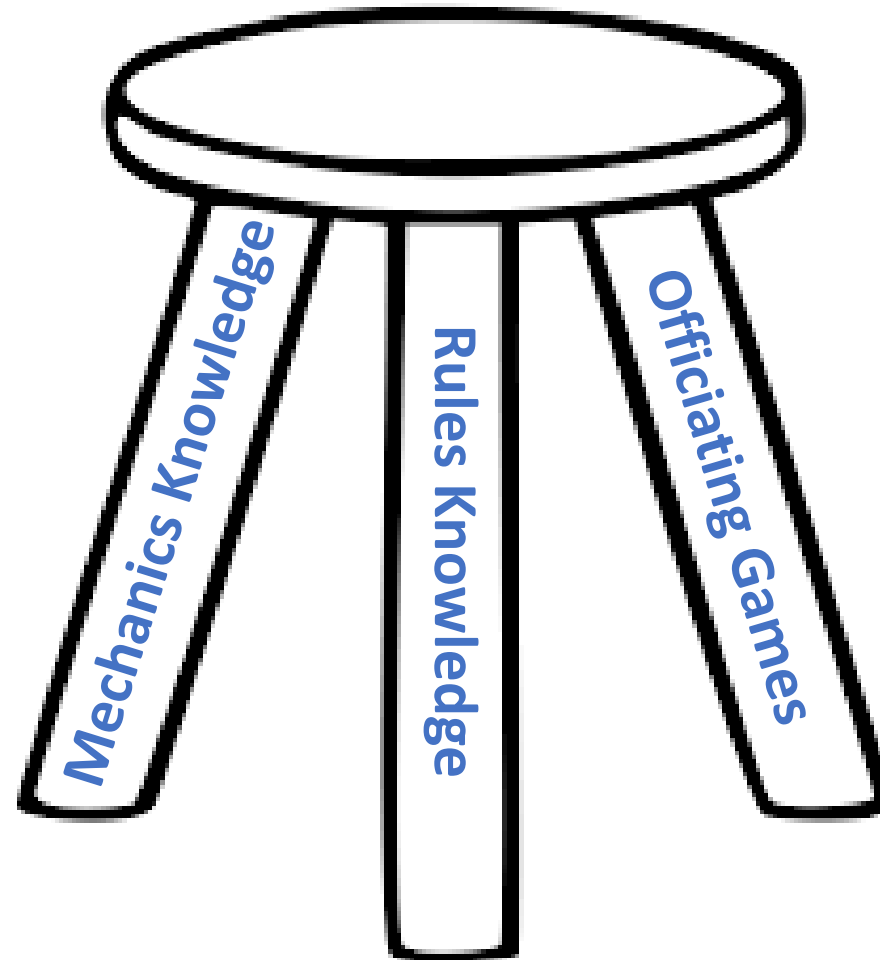
Let's Have Some Fun

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.*
- *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

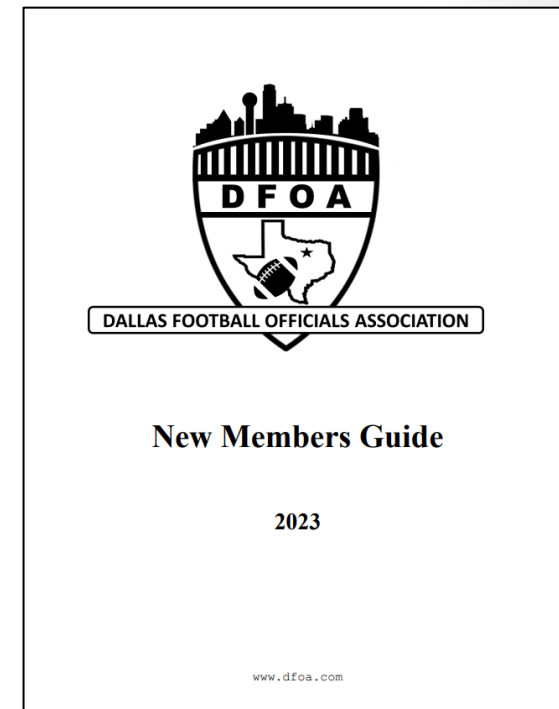
How we Speak – Example Play

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](https://www.dfoa.com) & in Reftown



Training Schedule

- **New Members Training** - Monday nights, 6:30pm
 - Monday's from June 26th thru Aug 28th (except: no class July 3rd)
 - Complete Training Schedule is in the New Members Guide and on dfoa.com
- **TASO Annual Football Meeting – Saturday, July 22nd**
 - Location: Renaissance Dallas Hotel
 - 2222 North Stemmons Freeway Dallas, Texas 75207
 - Free for new officials – details and registration at www.taso.org
 - 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

Mentorship Program

Mentoring is vitally important to the DFOA to improve the experience of newer officials (years 1-3) and ultimately improve retention year over year.

The goal of our Mentorship Program is the following:

- Develop and train newer members and help them grow as officials,
- Produce effective officials through the development and use of effective Mentors,
- Build connections and relationships between officials, the DFOA and TASO,
- Provide opportunities for new DFOA members to feel welcome while involving experienced officials

While participation in the Mentorship Program is completely voluntary, it is highly recommended that new officials choose to participate.

**** Please email me if you are interested in having a Mentor ****

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TASO Divisions

TASO Football Members are classified into one of six Divisions:

- Division 1: 660+ points,
- Division 2: 360-659 points,
- Division 3: 180-359 points,
- Division 4: 60-179 points,
- Division 5: 0-59 points, (new officials start at this division)
- Auxiliary - members who are eligible to be a clock operator or part of the chain crew only

Points are earned in numerous ways, for example, working games including scrimmages, chains, TASO clinics, Test scores etc.

UIL Officials Pay

The UIL sets officials pay schedule. For 2023 the pay is shown below:

- Sub Varsity (JV, Freshman Junior/Middle School)

Length of Quarter	Game Fee
12-minute	\$65
10-minute	\$60
8-minute	\$55
6-minute	\$50

- Travel Pay

Distance from Chapter Center Pt.	Travel Pay
1-30 miles	\$20
31-60 miles	\$35
61-90 miles	\$50

Example 1:

- You work 2 middle school games with 8-minute quarters each
- Location is 20 miles from chapter center point
- Pay: $(2 * \$55) + \$20 = \$130$

Example 2:

- You work 2 Freshman games with 10-minute quarters each
- Location is 32 miles from chapter center point
- Pay: $(2 * \$60) + \$35 = \$155$

- Officials are paid by the schools (usually via check or electronically).
- Neither TASO nor DFOA pays officials

Transferring to DFOA from Out-of-State?

If you want to pursue credit for previous football officiating experience (middle-school, high-school or college), 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 – June 26th
 - We use NCAA Rules with UIL Exceptions. Rules are available on dfoa.com

Questions?

**Don't forget
First class starts Monday, June 26th**

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