

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Weekly Bull – 10/2/02

Tonight:

1. Attendance & CAVs 7:00 – 7:15
2. Announcements 7:15 – 7:30
3. Food For Thought 7:30 – 8:00
4. Rules Make Up 8:00 – 8:30
5. Adjourn 8:30

Announcements:

1. Reminder - take your schedules with you to the games. This assures you that you are at the correct site, time and date, but also that you know who hasn't shown up yet. That way you can call them from the field because of the inclusion of the crews' phone numbers on the schedules. – Sibbet
2. If you haven't been paid in two weeks after working a high school game please contact Sibbet who will direct you to your next steps.
3. Anyone not wishing to have their name placed on this year's ballot for Board Member elections please see Nathan or drop him a written note to that effect tonight.
4. Attendance Report – Tonight the instructors have a report of attendance & officials who need to make up the rules test. **Instructors will be giving a make up test opportunity to anyone who wishes to make up the test tonight! The test will begin at 8:00 in the instructor's classroom.** Any errors in our records please see Coover after the meeting or send him an email during the week at scoover@guhdsd.net.
5. Ratings Forms – Be ready to turn your completed form into Mr. Inskeep at the banquet! Remember, crew chiefs, you are responsible for getting your crew to complete their forms and turn them in! The penalty for the official not completing the form is no playoff games next year! Don't let this happen to anyone!!!!
6. Reminder: This year's CIF playoff dates: 1st round Fri Nov 19th, 8-man finals Sat. Nov. 20, Quarterfinals Div. I – III and Semi-Finals for Div. IV are Fri Nov 26th, Semi-Finals Div. I-IV are Fri Dec. 3rd, and Div I, II, III, & IV Finals Tue. Dec 14th. at 10:00, 1:00, 4:00& 8:00. It is required that all crew members must indicate to Jim Sibbet, in writing, any of the above dates that they are unavailable. This unavailability should include both afternoons and evenings. If the crewmembers indicated that they are unavailable on one of the above dates on their original registration forms, they should restate the same. The first year class instructors should also ask their class regarding availability for the semi-finals and final dates for chain-crew assignments.

Food For Thought – Mechanics, Mechanics, Mechanics:

1. Everyone relays signals. We've gotten reports of timers missing a flank official's signal and no other official picks it up and signals as well.
2. When do the Umpires give the thumbs-up? Not on every TD, especially ones where the runner goes in untouched.
3. How about BJ's giving thumbs-up on TD's? (arms out-stretched & thumbs-up?) Where does this stuff come from?
4. Some of our BJ's are not getting to the goal line. No excuses; get there.
5. We also featured a BJ on the PPR who is 5 yds deep in the EZ and facing the end line. Know where the goalline is and signal from the goalline. Follow the action after the touchdown by

continuing to watch the play, and turning your head to watch if you need to. There may even be an extreme case where you need to turn your body to continue to observe the play, but you're still on the goalline.

6. Coaches cards continue to compliment our communication and professional approach to our job! One school from Sacramento commented that we control the game in a professional manner. Congratulations to everyone!!!
7. Spot the ball accurately. Coaches are watching. Flanks should be communicating with the umpire so he stays consistent in spotting the ball. Is he spotting it consistently forward? Back? If gross, stop the game and have the ball adjusted. Better yet, umpire watch you linesman after you set the ball and see if he signals you to adjust up or back.
8. Here's a play to consider - 1 seconds remaining in the first half. 4th down and long for Westview (A). Westview (A) attempts a hail mary pass from the 50 yd line which falls incomplete. On the play, the quarterback has thrown the pass from beyond the neutral zone. 7-5-2b Penalty enforcement: Mission Hills (B) is given the option of accepting the 5 yard penalty and the loss of down penalty. Since it was 4th down and the enforcement still leaves A behind the line to gain, the loss of down (lose the right to repeat the down) gives the ball to Mission Hills. 5-2-5g Since there was an accepted penalty during the last timed down of the half, the period was extended and Mission Hills is given one untimed down. 3-3-3a Which, of course, they throw a hail mary pass, which is deflected 2x before being caught by a Mission Hills receiver who scores a touchdown.
9. Another play. 3rd and 8 from the A-32. A runs for two yards where he is downed at the A-34. During the tackle there is live-ball inadvertent grabbing of the facemask by B1 (5-yard type.) Enforcement: 5-yard penalty from the end of the run (A-34) and replay the down....3rd down and 1. Problem: Head coach is coming unglued because he doesn't think it's fair to get the penalty yardage AND replay the down. The coach is questioning the side official.... How do we handle this?
10. When do we sound the whistle for progress stopped? If we are holding a spot, then don't we have progress stopped? What about the great runner who can break tackles or spin out of trouble? Do we give him a brief second to do something, then shut it down? How does this relate to late hits? If we delay the whistle, then the hordes will be coming! Rule of thumb, get progress and shut it down thus avoiding the late strip, or injury. Be careful with hesitating, it's an art you must learn and practice. Even then, you can get burned.
11. Wide-View!!! Off-officials must get their eyes off of the ball and get the wide view. Trailing officials, the same thing. Drag behind the play (easy for Nate and Coover) and keep your eyes on all the players dragging behind the play. Head on a swivel.
12. **Things Not To Say to a Coach or His Players (When you're right in front of him!)**
 - Keep your head up on those hits, son.
 - The whistle is a courtesy
 - That was close to a late hit.
 - You're in the neutral zone.
 - Don't hold like that.
 - I saw it but I'm not going to call that
 - I saw the hit but it was a continuation of the play