

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Weekly Bull – 8/29/07

Tonight:

1. Attendance
2. Announcements
3. Food For Thought
4. Rules Test – Passing Score will be 70 correct!
5. Adjourn 8:30

Announcements:

1. Rosters are available for you to print on the Arbiter. Look under List-Officials. Then go to Reports-Roster. You have many options for format and software. Please keep your information on the Arbiter current!!!!
2. The Arbiter Evaluation page is now up and ready. All CERTIFIED officials are required to submit evaluations. Transfer, first year and second year officials should not rate their crewmates even though the system will allow you to do so.

HIGH SCHOOL GAMES

High school crew members – Please rate the members of your crew ONLY ONCE, preferably near the end of the season. Take guidance from your crew chief as to when you submit the report. If you work a JV-Varsity doubleheader with someone who is not on your crew, rate that official on just one game. Please summarize the official's performance for the whole day.

YOUTH GAMES

One rating for each official you work with each Saturday. All certified officials must submit one report per official, per day. For example, if you work three youth games on a Saturday, rate the official on just one game. It would be preferable to rate a five or four man game as opposed to a three man game. Again, please summarize the official's performance.

FLAG GAMES & SCRIMMAGES

If you are assigned to a flag game or a scrimmage, please do not rate the officials. Reports should be submitted for tackle games only.

Please do not submit evaluations with N/A grades only. While doing this will clear the evaluations off your system, it gives an unrealistic number of evaluations received.

Follow these steps to complete an evaluation:

1. Go to your "Start Page" in Arbiter.
2. Click on "Evaluate Officials".
3. Click on "Football Officials Evaluation Report." This displays games from the past seven days only. If you need to go further back than seven days, change the "Date Range" to what you need. Please note Arbiter will allow you to do an evaluation only after the game.
4. Click on the Red A+ for each official to get to that person's evaluation page.

5. Rate the official in the seven areas based on the criteria by clicking on the down arrow in the Score column. The scores can range from 1 to 7, with 1 being the highest and 7 being the lowest. If you score anyone 5, 6, 7 in any category, you MUST include comments in the box on the right. REMEMBER, THE BEST RATING IS A “ONE”.

6. In order to read the Standard for each Criteria, click the name of each Criteria to read its description. Example: Pre-Game/Time Management is the first Criteria.

7. You may make general comments in the “Summary Comment” box at the bottom of the page. However, it is best to make comments for each “Criteria”. Do not make the same comment for each “Criteria” – be specific.

8. When you are finished with each official’s evaluation, click on “Submit”. DO NOT click “Save” or “Cancel”. Save will enable you to come back later to change the evaluation to change or finish the report. It will NOT submit the data the official’s file. If you click Cancel, nothing will be saved.

9. Once you completed the evaluation on one official a green A+ will appear to the right of the official’s name.

The Arbiter Evaluation system will allow officials to receive comments and feedback on their work. An official will be able to view the evaluations after three reports have been submitted. When that official reads the report, he will only be able to see scores and comments. The official will not be able to see who submitted the report, or what game or date the report was written for. All evaluations are anonymous.

Thanks for your help in this endeavor. Please send me comments or suggestions to make the system better.

Bob Duggan – Ratings Chair

Food For Thought:

1. Please assist coaches and captains at the coin toss. I just got a report of a team kicking off both halves. Not a good start to the game.
2. Everyone pick up and relays signals...especially “stop the clock.” Start the season with good habits and you will reap the benefits later.
3. Never wear shorts for a high school game. Never. The only exception is for scrimmages when we are not being paid.
4. Whistle control. Inadvertent whistles generally happen early in the season and late in the season. Don’t let it happen. See the ball, in possession, and down..... or don’t blow your whistle. Don’t guess! Don’t anticipate!