**The Spirit of the SDCFOA “Junior Garcia**”- SENT FROM TOM ABLES 11/19 to me and Kevin Hawes…”At 3:10PM today, I had a text from Craig Gustafson that the 2nd Year official assigned to the Chain Crew tonight at Henry was in the ER with a broken foot which had just happened at work.  After trying 5 Y1/Y2 guys I got mostly no answers and one out of town.  I called Junior Garcia who said with a smile, "Of course I'll do it.  It's a chance to watch a football game and watch good, young officials".  It's nice to know that there are guys who can put their egos aside and help out.  Junior is the only active official who has been a member longer than I have.”  - Tom Ables  
   
**Congratulations on a Great Season SDCFOA!** – As we finish up the CIF San Diego Section playoffs this Friday and Saturday, it is a good time to congratulate everyone and thank you all for making the 2021 season a great one!  We all worked hard and prepared each week to go out and do our best for our fellow crewmates, the teams, the game itself, and for the fun!  You get it!  This is not just a paycheck but a chance to be a part of a great group of friends and colleagues, working in synch to officiate the game in the absolute best interest of a fair game…and WE even get paid!  What a blessing!  See you in 2022!  
   
**How Can We Get Even Better?** – Three things come to mind:  
**First**, stay in shape or improve our conditioning.   
**Second**, reflect on your season.  Then list a few items that you can work on.   
**Third**, get into the rule book.  Studying the rule book is time consuming, and the off season provides us with the time to “dig into” the rule and case books.  
   
**How Can the Association Get Better?** – We will be offering an on-line survey over the holidays.  Take a moment to give us some constructive feedback.  How we do business changes each and every year based upon the consensus of good ideas.  Whether it be the work of the board, or the officers (secretary, treasurer, instructional chair, or assignors) this is your opportunity to share your thoughts about how we can improve.  Thank you!  
   
**CIF Semifinals Crews** – The feedback from schools and coaches has been extremely positive!  We’ve had a great playoff so far and a huge “Thank You!” to Tom Ables for creating such great crews in all divisions.  Now we move on to the big Friday/Saturday doubleheaders of the CIF San Diego Section Championships for Divisions 2, 4 and 5 on Friday night and Divisions 1 & 3 Saturday night.  Here are the assigned crews.  See you at Escondido High School in the end zone suite!  Some light snacks and beverages will be provided in the Suite.  
   
**Thank You Brian Bortness, Scott Carroll, Tony Shaw, John Isham, Tyler Lindsay, Ted Schiess, and Joe Magnuson**– This crew did a spectacular job of officiating the CIF Open Division Championship Game last Saturday night.  They worked hard in preparing for this “big game” which led to a highly successful evening.  Congratulations and thank you all!  
   
**Friday 11/26**  
**Division 4 - 1:00 pm – Patrick Henry vs University City**  
Referee – Mike Downing  
Umpire – Sam Totah  
HL – Bill Haws  
LJ – Brandon Chavez  
SJ – Kipper Bell  
FJ – George Conley  
BJ – Rob Schaerer  
   
**Division 2 - 7:00 pm – Scripps Ranch vs La Jolla**  
Referee – Scott Countryman  
Umpire – Andy Wilson  
HL – Jacob Wittler  
LJ – Matt Starr  
SJ – Jordan Graves  
FJ – Corey Butts  
BJ – Mark Halby  
   
**And how about checking out this crew as they work the Division V Championship at Grossmont HS  at 7:00 pm on Friday night.**  
Division 5 - 7:00 pm at Grossmont HS – **Palo Verde vs Mission Bay**  
Referee – Imperial Valley  
Umpire – Imperial Valley  
HL – David Duffield  
LJ – John Thur  
SJ – David Sibbet  
FJ – Kyle Takeo  
BJ – Imperial Valley  
   
**Saturday 11/27**  
**Division 3 - 1:00 pm – Ramona vs Mater Dei**  
Referee – Ed Zapolski  
Umpire – Ron Gillenberg  
HL – Bob Flavin  
LJ – Mike Kingsley  
SJ – Levi Sumner  
FJ – Ben Boccoli  
BJ – Garrett Haislip  
   
**Division 1 - 7:00 pm – Helix vs Lincoln**  
Referee – David Garza  
Umpire – Albert JOnes  
HL – Charlton Lynch  
LJ – Nathan Thernes  
SJ – Brian Mills  
FJ – Gary Gittelson  
BJ – David Middleton