**SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - THE WEEKLY BULL – November 8, 2023**

**Make Up Meeting** - Stephen Coover is inviting you to the SDCFOA Makeup Meeting (only if you're short a meeting)
**Wednesday Nov 8th at 7:00 PM**
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84081295136?pwd=K3pBRmJ5NFFXSEd2aUZlb3FnbVk5UT09
**Meeting ID: 840 8129 5136**
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Passcode: 044583
Please note there are two passcodes….for some reason…one of them should work!

**Week #2 of the Playoffs** – This year’s games are proving to be extremely competitive and exciting.  Work hard, prepare, and focus on every play.  One team advances, and one team ends their season so the stakes are extraordinarily high!  We must be at our absolute best on each play.  Work as a crew…then celebrate afterwards as a crew!

**Playoff Schedule This Week– All games at 7:00 pm**
Thursday November 9 – Granite Hills at Carlsbad (OPEN Semifinal)
Friday November 10 – 2nd Round games (DI, DII, DIII, DIV, DV semi, VAA semi, 8-man semi) – Helix at Lincoln (Open Semi)

**Wilson Football** – Wilson footballs (any type of Wilson football) must be used every snap of the playoffs.

**Playoff Film** – Thank you for your patience as you can understand that teams are not as motivated to take the time and share their film with us.  I’m attempting to get everyone the video from the winning team’s coach.  So far, I’m doing pretty well and the coaches are being very accommodating at their busiest of times!

**Referee Microphones**– We are in the process of ordering 10 more systems for crews to use during the season.  Matt Starr will be negotiating to get a sentence in the Green Book telling schools to expect our systems to be in use at their schools each week, and to provide tech support as is needed at their school.  We hope that soon many more schools will have their own systems and just provide the school’s system for the crews to use.  That way, we won’t have them fearing our trying to connect our systems with their PA equipment.

**Pre-Game Warm Up**– Please be alert for teams attempting to intimidate their opponents during the warmup period.  We are on the field 45-minutes prior to the kickoff just for that purpose, yet we had a team rush the 50-yardline, right at the 45-minute mark, and holler at the opposing team.  That will cost the team a 15-yard UNS.  Please do not charge the UNS to the coach (unless he’s in the crowd that’s taunting).

**Kearny High School Voices Appreciation** – “I am writing on behalf of Kearny High School Football to express our deepest gratitude for selecting us as the recipient of the 2023 Sportsmanship Award. We are truly honored and humbled by this recognition.  Receiving this award means a great deal to our team, coaching staff, and our entire school community. It reaffirms the values we hold dear: selflessness, integrity, and respect for the game, our opponents, and the officials. Your acknowledgment of our commitment to these principles is deeply appreciated.  We understand that the decision to present this award is based on the collective observations and assessments of the officials who have been on the field with us throughout the season. Your dedication to officiating and ensuring the integrity of the game is what makes this recognition more special to us. We value the association and greatly respect the role you play in promoting the spirit of sportsmanship in San Diego County.  Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for bestowing this honor upon Kearny High School Football. We are deeply grateful, and we look forward to continuing to uphold the values of sportsmanship and fair play in the seasons to come.”  With sincere appreciation, Jeremy Stump, Head Coach Kearny High School Football

**Celebrations** – I believe we’ve been very consistent with penalizing excessive and choreographed celebrations this year.  Please continue to tolerate the spontaneous celebrations of big plays and TDs.  We know the difference between a quick and excited player’s celebration vs a delayed, excessive or prolonged act by which a player attempts to focus attention upon himself.  And of course, nothing choreographed.  Thank you.

**Payment of Officials for the 2023 Football Playoffs** - Per the CIF Football Championship Bulletin, "The CIF-SDS will pay the officials for all playoff contests."  Consequently, schools **will not**be paying officials in any round of the playoffs.  Payment from the CIF - SDS may not be made until the end of the championship tournament as many officials are working multiple games and it is more efficient for the section office to make just one total payment at the end after November 25th.
**Playoff Fees:**
1st and 2nd Rounds = Referee $125; all others $123
Semifinals = Referee $125; all others $123; Chain Crew $50
Championships = Referee $140; all others $135; Chain Crew & Clock Operator $60

**Ejections** – If a player is disqualified during a playoff game, the same reporting requirements exist.  Please notify Steve Coover if an ejection occurs during your game.

**Championship Games** – We will again have a hospitality section in the EZs at Southwestern and Snapdragon.  Snacks and drinks will be available.  Reminder – they do charge for parking at both venues.  Working officials, chain crew members, and the timers will be receiving free passes for parking (no reserved spots or location) and credentials for access for your game day only. You will get them at the 7-Person Mechanics Clinic on 11/15. We will share passes as best we can like always.

**7-Person Mechanics Workshop Wednesday November 15th at 7:00 pm at Mira Mesa High School Library**– This is a mandatory meeting for all officials, and alternate officials, who are assigned a 7-man semifinal or 7-man final.  Chain crew members and timers do not attend.  Open Division Semifinal games will take place November 11th, prior to November 15th, so you must conduct your own pre-game and prepare your crew for that important game.  The Open Division finals crew (Ted Schiess) is expected to attend this meeting.  The 8-Man finals crew is excused from attending this meeting.  This year’s presenters will be Michael Carey, Bill Bishop, Mike Weseloh, Zack Marble, Steve Coover, Jace Carlson, and Don Carey.  Our 7-Person Mechanics Manual is posted on our website and a handout by position will be sent to all those working.