## PENALTY CODES AND DOCUMENTING FOULS

It is recommended that all certified officials note each foul that they call during a game. In most cases, the recording of the foul information cannot be completed during the dead-ball period when the crew is enforcing the foul and communicating with the sidelines. Instead, the calling official should use the next dead ball period to record their foul information. An even better method is to have a volunteer available to record all of the crew’s fouls. Either way, it is highly recommended that the crew completes a Foul Report for each varsity game. A Foul Penalty Tracker Form is available on the SDCFOA.org website.

The recording of fouls greatly enhances the halftime and post-game discussions and improves the video review by the crew if the game film is available. Foul notes can be taken quickly but should not interfere with your focus on the game or dead-ball officiating. Sometimes a BACK JUDGE will use a recording device to record all fouls for the crew. Other times the BACK JUDGE keeps fouls for himself, the umpire and the referee. Each official, and each crew, should develop their own technique for quickly noting their fouls.

Foul Codes have been developed to speed up the note-taking and improve consistency between officials

### **FOUL CODES**

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| **5-YARD PENALTIES**  DOG Delay of game  ENC Encroachment  FM Grabbing face mask  FST False start  IDP Ineligible downfield on pass  IFH Illegal forward handing  IFK Illegal fair catch signal  IFP Illegal forward pass  ILF Illegal formation  ILM Illegal motion  ING Intentional grounding  ISH Illegal shift  ISP Illegal snap  KOB Kick out of bounds  RNK Running into the kicker  SLI Sideline interference, 5 yards  SLW Sideline Warning (no yardage)  SUB Illegal substitution  **10-YARD PENALTIES**  DH Defensive holding  IBK Illegal block during kick  IBB Illegal block in the back  IUH Illegal use of hands  OH Offense holding | **15-YARD PENALTIES**  BAT Illegal batting  BBW Blocking below the waist  CHB Chop block  CLP Clipping  DPI Pass interference, defense  FMM Personal foul, face mask  HCT Horse collar tackle  HUR Hurdling  IKB Illegally kicking  ILP Illegal participation  KCI Kick catch interference  OPI Pass interference, offense  RTH Roughing the holder  RTK Roughing the kicker  RTP Roughing the passer  RTS Roughing the snapper  SLM Sideline interference, 15 yards  UNR Personal foul, unnecessary roughness  UNS Unsportsmanlike conduct |