**SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**
**THE WEEKLY BULL – October 9, 2024**
**No Meeting This Week**– Prepare each day this week.  Review a rule for your crew.  Study the Instructional Video and this Bull.  Stay fit and healthy.  Scout your teams and organize yourself and the crew for your league contest this week.

**Next Week’s In-Person Meeting** – Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 pm at Mira Mesa High School.  It will be a little bit different in that we need to meet our candidates who are running for the Board so here is the agenda and meeting locations:
**1st and 2nd Year officials will meet at 7:00 pm in their respective classrooms as usual.**
**All certified officials will meet in the Theater at 7:00 pm to hear from the five candidates.**
**All Crew Chiefs and Instructors will meet in the Theater at 6:00 pm for our regular Crew Chief Meeting.**
After the certified officials hear from the candidates, we will adjourn to our regular classrooms for our instructional meeting to include The Bull; Calibration; and Instructional Video.

**Voting for Board Members** – The voting for Board Members will be conducted electronically by Ed Zapolski our Executive Secretary.  The email announcement for voting will be sent out following Wednesday’s meeting.  Only Certified Officials vote for the Board of Directors.  The window to cast your electronic vote will be open for one week.  If you don’t get an email announcement, make sure to contact Ed directly.

**Banquet Stories** – Our Banquet will be on November 6th, and we need stories.  See Bob Hood or email him your video or story of our fun-loving mistakes from the 2023 season.  Also, remember to attend as you’ve already paid for your dinner when you paid your dues!  The banquet will start at 6:00pm and will again be at the Admiral Baker Golf Course, 2400 Admiral Baker Road in Mission Valley.

**Game Check Weekend!** -  Game Check Weekend is **October 17-19**!  Take one or two of your game checks from Thursday-Saturday and contribute to our Fund which is our nonprofit to assist the officiating community.  The crew that raises the most gets free dinner, up to $30/man, that following Friday.  Not on a crew, new, etc. you can donate at SDYFF.org, any amount is accepted.  Thanks to all and have good games this weekend!

**Golf Tournament** - Sign up now!  SDYFF.org is the sign-up hub.  Raffle prizes are needed, think about getting something to donate to raffle.  The golf tournament raffle is separate from the Banquet raffle, so we always want everyone to leave the golf tournament with a memento.  If you can donate something, please bring to tourney, or let Mike Downing know at docdowning@aol.com or 619-888-6430.  Thanks.

**October 11th is International Referee’s Day** – Here is the QR Code for some outstanding zoom training from some of our best college officials on the West Coast starting tonight with Referee Justin Elliott from the ACC who started his officiating right here in San Diego, along with Line of scrimmage official Rod Amari from the Big 10 who’s from just up the freeway in Orange County.   The Flyer is also attached at the bottom in case the QR Code doesn't reproduce correctly.



**Wireless Microphone Systems** – We currently have 25 of our 28 Crew Chiefs using a wireless microphone during games for announcements.  Although we are in our infancy in our use of this electronic equipment, and some stadiums are a challenge to get quality sound and no static, we have had some outstanding experiences with their use.  Something as challenging as adjusting the game clock becomes so simple.  The coaches and fans quickly understand the unusual ruling on the field that just occurred.

**Wireless Systems at Schools** – We are also seeing an uptick in the number of schools that have a stadium wireless system available for our use.  Some schools have them available and don’t even know we can use them at their games and have our referees make game announcements!  We expect the number of schools with these systems to greatly increase in the near future.  It is far better for a school to have control over the system than to have our referees bring equipment and hook it up.  We are working with schools to provide technical support and pricing when they inquire about purchasing their own system.

**State Champiosnhip Crews Have Been Selected** – The following crews have been selected to work the CA State Championship Game the first two weekends in December:  Referees Mike Andrews and Matt Starr,  Umpires Ed Blick and Miles Bailey, LOS Mike Duggan, Nathan Thernes, Alex Szwed and Blair Havens, Deep Flanks Leonard Blevins, Levi Sumner, Nathan Wolf and Derrick Vassar, Back Judges John Gill and Kyle Takeo.

**7-Person Mechanics Meeting** – If you are one of those selected to work a championship or semifinal game, you will be working 7-Person Mechanics.  All officials working a championship or semifinal shall attend a special 7-Person Mechanics Meeting on Wednesday November 20th at 7:00 pm at the Mira Mesa High School Library.  Chain crews and timers are not to attend this meeting.  You will receive credentials, game information, and then break out into position meetings.  The Position Coaches are:
Referee – Chris Wiggins
Umpire – Mike Weseloh & Marlow Fitzgerald
LOS – Justin Joseph & David Middleton
Deeps and BJ – Jace Carlson and Michael Sparling

**Food for Thought** – Point After Touchdown - Lineman are numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 from left to right and the Center is #4.  The left wing behind #1 is #11, the right wing behind #7 is #22.  The holder is #33, and the kick is #44.  Holder and kicker meet the requirements of rule 2-14-2 (holder, knee down 7 yards deep, kicker in position to kick).

Play 1.  Tight formation.  Numbers 1, 7, 11, 22, 33 and 44 would are eligible.  Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are ineligible.  After receiving the snap, holder #33 rises, rolls to the right to throw a pass to #7, completed for a 2 point try.  Ruling:  LEGAL

Play 2.  They line up tight, and then shift so that 1, 2, 3 are still on the LOS, but outside the hash/numbers on the left, and 5, 6, 7 are still on the LOS and split out to the right, outside the hash/numbers, and still on the LOS.  Snapper #4, holder #33 and kicker #44 are still in position.  After receiving the snap, holder #33 rises, rolls to the right to throw a pass to #7, completed for a 2 point try.  Ruling:  LEGAL

The key point here is that in NFHS, the snapper, holder and kicker need to meet the requirements of a legal scrimmage kick formation.  Whether K runs a play out of a traditional FG/TRY formation, or out of some form of a swinging or double gate formation does not matter with regard to an illegal formation penalty.  We do need to be aware of eligible numbers vs ineligible numbers.  (Note:  for those of you that work games under NCAA rules, Play 2 would not be legal)