

Lana,

Please send the below to all WY FB Officials. Thank you!

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Football Officials,

The feeling of fall is in the air and that means it's truly football weather! Or maybe I'm still frozen from the hailstorm that hit Laradise on Saturday... Either way... Be ready to add those extra layers to your gear bag, buy the hand warmers, and get ready. There is a TON of meaningful football yet to be played in our state and these teams need our very best. Best of luck this week and please keep sending me plays, film, and questions!

Week Six Training Email

1. Rules Knowledge – Own Your Learning!

- a. Rules Quiz: <https://forms.gle/mE7Se2CeRr6fEdaw5>
- b. Your feedback on the weekly quizzes is always welcome!

2. Field Mechanics

a. Special Rules

i. 6-man and 9-man rules differences

1. When you're working these levels of football, be sure to take some bespoke time in your pregame to go over the rules differences!
 - a. See Rules book pgs. 90-92
2. **Don't be the crew** that throws an Ineligible Downfield Player in 6-man football; or throws a 7-2-5 Numbering Violation foul in 9-man football!

ii. Under-2-minute timing exception

1. Are you alerting your crewmates when we reach the "under two" in the 2nd and 4th quarter?
2. What is the option for penalties in this situation?
 - a. See Rule 3-4-7; p. 45

iii. PSK

1. There are 5 requirements for a foul to be PSK. Do you know them? I'll help you out on this one!
2. It is PSK when there is a foul by Team R and:
 - a. the foul occurs during a scrimmage kick play that isn't a try or FG;
 - b. the foul occurs during a scrimmage kick play in which the ball crosses the expanded neutral zone;
 - c. the foul occurs beyond the expanded neutral zone;
 - d. the foul occurs before the end of the kick;
 - e. and Team K will not be the next to put the ball in play.
3. It's worth going over what makes a foul fall into the PSK special enforcement "bucket" as part of your pregame. (See Rule 2-16-2h; p. 32)

3. Officiating Philosophy

a. Preventative Officiating

i. Preventative Officiating occurs from the very moment we take the field. We speak about this topic a ton, but what constitutes this vitally important part of our game?

ii. Here are a few examples:

1. Diligently look for illegal equipment during the pregame warmups.
 - a. Fix it now and prevent stopping things later!
2. Before every varsity game, watch film!
3. See some snaps during warmups to help your eyes get ready to officiate.
4. Do not allow a preventable foul on free kick downs.
5. If a player's actions are close to a foul, speak with the player and communicate what you want to see or what "right looks like."
6. Be situationally aware.
 - a. Anticipate a coach taking a timeout and inform them they can leave the coaching box to get your attention.
 - i. "Coach, even if we're down by the goal line, come get my attention and make sure we get that TO for you."
 - b. Inform the crew if you know a field goal, onside kick, or trick play is going to occur.
 - c. Know when a team might "go tempo."
 - i. Are you discussing Tempo every week in the pre-game?
 - d. Is the line to gain close?
 - e. Do we have "double stakes?"
7. Communicate which official has goal line responsibility.
8. Keep coaches informed regarding remaining timeouts.
9. Communicate whether the clock will run on the RFP or remain stopped until the snap.

4. Football Teaching Tape

a. Link: <https://youtu.be/2iVvvHCqjWU>

b. Many thanks to the crews and officials featured in this week's film for their commitment to the improvement of *all* officials!

This week... be the **crew saver**!

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