

The Journey Continues as Our Officiating is Improving!

1. **OUR MISSION:** We Will Improve Our Officiating significantly this year thru the Use of Additional Educational Tools, & the Study & Application of Mechanics & Rules.
2. **Why It Is Working (Part 1):** An email was forwarded to us during the 2018 FB Season: “I wanted to think you for all the help you have given me over the past several years. The Gold Book has really been a game changer for me and I have been able to share it to help elevate the level of officiating here also.
3. **Why It Is Working (Part 2):** Another email forwarded: “I know that many years ago, a lot of officials pushed back at the idea of the “Gold Book”.....not any more. In speaking to officials around the state, I can honestly say that this change was definitely needed & one that is now greatly embraced by 99% of all Ohio crews. Not only has the varsity games been more consistently officiated, but so have the games at the lower levels, where on most occasions; you end up working with different officials each and every game.”
4. **What’s Happening in 2019:** A Lot!! Some of the many significant **Highlights** include:
 - A. Gold Book: New, Revised & Enhanced Mechanics Along with Changes to Point Differential, Regulations, & Safety Policies: **These are shaded**. There are approximately 18 changes & clarifications from last year. Many of these were suggested by our fellow officials. Please review them thoroughly.
 - B. Gold Book: Our Far Reaching Goal is when an Official arrives on site, he has 3 publications: 1. FB Rules Book; 2. FB Case Book; & 3. Gold Book. Just about every question or challenging situation can be answered in one of these 3. Will the Gold Book have all the answers for this year? No, but as the Journey Continues we will add these unique situations. Please continue to send them to us.
 - C. WWW.OHSAAFB.COM: Our interscholastic FB website was a resounding success last year as evidenced by the nearly 74,000 visits from officials around the world. The website can be accessed by your tablet, smart phone, & desktop computer. Included this year will be: 1. Gold Book; 2. Gold Book Mechanics by Position; 3. Expanded Rules Index; 4. Recognition Section; 5. 2018 State Regular Season & Playoff Bulletins (Updated with 2019 Mechanics); 6. Ask the DOD/SRI’s Q’s and A’s About Rules, Mechanics, & Philosophy; 7. Weekly Practice Rules Tests; & 8. PPT Mechanics Presentations.
 - D. The NFHS Penalty Summary & Signals PPT was developed by Garry Mosier. This is a great study & reference tool for learning & refreshing our memories regarding the distance, special enforcements, & appropriate hand signals. It can be found on the WWW.OHSAAFB.COM website.
 - E. Mechanics PPT Presentations: A wonderful “6 Types of Kicking Plays” was developed in 2011 & 5 Non Kick Plays in 2013. They will be updated with the Mechanics Changes for this year.
 - F. Practice Rules Tests: Black & White, Rules Geek & The Whistle will continue this year on WWW.OHSAAFB.COM. Beginning Week 1, officials can take Rules & Mechanics Q’s & A’s weekly – Great Way to Study.
 - G. Rules Index: Included in the Gold Book, the Rules Index has 334 listings. Each time someone asked me for a rules clarification I first went to the Index. We added to it. A great tool for all officials.
 - H. There are no changes to the FB Officials Uniform for this year. (6/5/19)

We Hope You & Your Crew Have a Tremendous FB Season. Best Wishes & Good Luck!!!