

2018 OHSAA STATE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS – OBSERVER’S LETTER

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1. Thank you very much for volunteering to serve this important role. Approximately 200 current or retired officials & assigners have said “yes” who want to help educate & improve officiating in the State of OHIO –AWESOME!! You are the best!!!
2. Ron Fuller (NE), Tom Graham (C), Mike Harbison (SW), Tom McNerlin (E/SE), & Ken Myers (NW) have graciously offered to serve as “District Coordinators of Observers” (DCO). THANK YOU VERY MUCH!! The DCO’s will make all Observer Assignments for any games played within their district thru the State SF’s (Weeks 11 thru 14).
3. Included are 1 OHSAA FB Pass (good thru Week 14) for your use either observing or watching a game, 3 sets of the OHSAA Observation Forms (Parts 1 & 2), & this letter.
4. Complete the enclosed forms at the game site & **give the bottom copy to the Crew. Failure to give the bottom copy to the Crew -- next year we will recruit Observers who will.**
5. Email/scan the white copy to bmaurer.38@gmail.com. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** in “Subject” to type: Week #, Crew #, Division #, Home Team & Visiting Team, so we can find them as needed.
6. Or mail the white copies to 7727 Strathmoore Rd, Dublin, OH 43016 within 48 hours.
7. **Halftime:** You MUST meet the **Crew** as they exit the field & accompany them to their locker room. Limit comments regarding IP, R&R, & Communication to 10 minutes (approximately 2 comments per official). Do not discuss judgment or controversial plays unless the **Crew** asks.
8. **Lead Observer:** He makes most of the comments & leads the discussion.
9. Please view yourself as a teacher & mentor. Take the Gold Book with you. Refer to it often.
10. After receiving an assignment from the DCO, please contact the Site Manager (AD in Week 11) **ASAP** to make arrangements for a place to sit, parking, & location of the official’s locker room.
11. **Crews** must review the OHSAA Bulletin during their pregame weekly.
12. The new Observer Forms have the Center Judge under the **U**. Some of last year’s forms we are still using do not. Simply write it on last year’s forms under the **U** – half way down the column.
13. The OHSAA Observer Power Point Presentation developed for the OHSAA Annual Observers Clinic is available at www.ohsaafb.com. Click on Observers. Please review it carefully – It covers all policies & suggestions for observing games. Each observer is expected to know it.
14. Assignments are based upon availability & game sites so there is no guarantee that receiving this packet will guarantee assignments. I have asked the DCO’s to assign 2 observers (where possible) to each game based upon availability (2 sets of eyes will observe different things, especially when observing 5 or 6 officials). Please sit & work together, & talk quietly with each other due to “ears” in the PB. Use a SHARP INK PEN on a hard surface & please, **PRINT CLEARLY!**
15. You can request to be in the PB ONLY if you have been assigned by the DCO. Any person who abuses this Policy will forfeit his credentials. **There might not be room for observers in the PB.**
16. Please review the info on the back of these 2 forms. There are some excellent comments.
17. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP & DEDICATION (encl: 1 Pass, 3 Forms, 1 Letter)