Mechanics

1. **Before the game, the U will check footballs for proper air pressure and condition as has been the case in previous seasons.** **Ruling: This is the case for 2020, although the U should avoid touching his face while doing so and should thoroughly wash/sanitize his hands afterwards. The teams can have an unlimited number.**

2. **Officials must wear face masks to and from the field, and on the field for any pre-game activities.** **Ruling: This is correct. It is imperative that we wear the masks and maintain safe social distancing at all times while in a public area. There is no mandate to wear the mask DURING play; it is left up to the discretion of the official. Once you step out of your car you need to wear your face mask until KO or you place the FB at the – 35YL in sub varsity games, plus halftime, & until you return to your car after the game.**

3. **The U will mark the succeeding spot with an orange bean bag at the end of each play. The bag should remain at that spot until the following play ends.** **Ruling: This is correct. The U should carry a minimum of two (2) orange bean bags, preferably the long, skinny style of bag. The U will place the bag between the hash marks at the spot where the play ends. The bag should be parallel to the LOS, allowing the center to place the ball upon breaking the huddle.**

4. **As the offense breaks the huddle, the center approaches the orange bean bag, and sets the ball on top of it as he prepares for the snap.** **Ruling: The center must be instructed to place the foremost nose of the ball on the backside of the bean bag (the side closest to his goal line). This should be covered in the pre-game meeting with the coaches & discussed with each team's center before the first play from scrimmage.**

5. **On a long incomplete pass down B's sideline, the BJ will secure the football and either return it to play, or shuttle it across the field to A's sideline.** **Ruling: Officials will not touch the football once the game starts. A will always be responsible for its own football and will take it either to its huddle or to its sideline at the end of the series EXCEPT in the case of situation #6 below.**

6. **On a play very close to the line-to-gain, the covering official will call for the ball and place it at the spot so that the Crew can determine if the LTG was reached.** **Ruling: This is correct. This is the ONLY time that an official will touch a football once the game starts.**

7. **The center breaks the huddle with the football, enters the neutral zone after the ready-for-play and sets it directly behind the bean bag. After setting the ball, the center removes his hands from the ball, and then resets for the snap.** **Ruling: We will give the center more leeway this season with moving his hands from the ball. Any quick, sudden movements on or near the ball should be flagged as a false start or snap infraction, but**

we will allow the center to remove his hands from the ball prior to the start of the QB cadence.

8. With the expanded sideline access to allow for social distancing Assistant Coach B is on the 15 YL talking to his team A) prior to; or B) during play. Ruling: This is a violation in both A and B. The expanded sidelines mean that only players can stand from 10 YL to 10 YL, but the coach's restrictions remain from the 25 YL to 25 YL as in previous years. This should also be communicated in pre-game. This is a sideline violation, (Rules 9 - 8 - 1k; 9 - 8 - 3)

9. The Wing Official tells the Ball Person that he/she is allowed on the field to switch balls. Ruling: NO! Due to safety concerns Ball Persons are not allowed on the field. This needs to be communicated with them before the game.

10. The Crew has 4 officials for a JV Game. The U's IP is 7 YDS from the LOS during the first series by the home team. Ruling: NO! The Revised GB Mechanic this year for the U's IP is 10 YDS, not 7 YDS for a Crew of 4 officials.. By moving an additional 3 YDS back this will assist the U with being further removed from the linebackers.