

# Football Officiating Axioms

- We want only quality fouls – See everything you call – But do not call everything you see.
- Do not reach for your flag unless you intend to drop it. Get a number and keep officiating. When you put your flag on the field, your integrity is linked to it.
- Always see the ball before you blow your whistle.

Be a good “Dead Ball” official. View all players until they are back with their teammates.

- Be deliberate when ruling on a fumble – and get a bean bag down.
- Crisp ball movement.
- Count players EVERY down.
- Excellent communication with coaches. Courtesy every time.
- If you miss one – Do not look back! We must always be ready to officiate the “next” play.
- Concentration. Give everything you have every play. That’s all. (In OT if required)
- Always consider preventive officiating. It is our job not only to call fouls, but to prevent fouls from happening.
- Always display Integrity, Courage and Poise. Let the “tight” situations reveal your true character.
- Be mentally and physically prepared to work.
- And above all else..... Keep Hustling!