

Football Officiating Axioms

- Call only “quality fouls,” which are fouls that have a direct effect upon the play.
- 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.
- Maintain excellent and respectful communication with coaches.
- If you miss one – Do not look back! Always be ready to officiate the next play.
- Concentrate. Be mentally and physically prepared to work and give everything you have every play.
- Practice preventive officiating and do what you can to prevent fouls from happening.
- Always display integrity, courage and poise. Stress and pressure reveal your true character.
- If you need help, ask for it; if you can give help with confidence, give it.
- And above all else..... Keep Hustling!