

PRE-GAME CONFERENCE

LET'S DO THE LITTLE THINGS RIGHT TONIGHT

Write it down!

- Coin toss results
- Time out information
- Quarter change information

Manage the clock

- Look at the clock every time we kill it.
 - Incomplete passes
 - Out of bounds
 - COP
 - Time outs
- Look at the clock every time we wind
 - Kick-offs
 - After penalty administration
- Make sure it started at the snap
- Be aware of the end of the quarter
- Think about untimed downs
 - Try for Point
 - Extending the Quarter

Forward Progress

- Parallel and square
- Get it right at the sideline
- Demonstrate urgency
- Treat LTG as a goal line, be there waiting
- The goal line is the ultimate LTG, treat with urgency when appropriate
- Forward Progress begins on a yard line after COP's

Ball Handling

- Run the extra steps
- Underhand
- Catch the ball
- Use the ball persons
- Leave the R out of it
- Think clean and dirty the play before we need them

Communicate

- With the whistle to kill the play
- With the whistle to let the crew know you have a rag down
- With your signals. Clean crisp and concise
 - Timing info
 - Inbounds-out of bounds
 - Winding the clock.- With holding the clock
 - Inbounds-out of bounds
 - COP indicators
 - Scores
 - Touchbacks

With your voice

- Time out information
- Clock information
- Penalty information
- Forward Progress information

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Communicate incoming "T"
Preventative officiating information
Information to the sideline

Penalty Marker

Before the snap--put it on the offending side
Live ball offense—spot
Live ball defense—sky
Deadball after the play..sky

Goal line

Let's have some one there waiting if at all possible
Don't be in a rush to signal..check with other officials
Don't cheer lead
Get on tape
Cushion the pylon
Continue to officiate after the score
Treat with urgency
If you don't know come in on the field of play
Umpire to the hat
"Deposit"
Reverse goal line

Whistle

One sharp blast
See the ball
See the ball
Let the incomplete pass bounce twice
Several blasts if you have a foul

Measurements

Communicate clearly to bring in stakes
First down or 4th down!
Box to the forward stake
Back line with the clip
Toe for the bean bag
Bean bag
Ready signal
If outside the hash BJ get a clean ball
Communicate the result to the L...he can't see.
Wait for the L, don't rush him if it is short.--.U stay over the ball

Dead Ball Officiate

Rubber Neck
Two-seconds and ten yards
Back side clean up
Close under control
Look for people running too fast
Look for people running against the grain
Beware the head hunters, both offense and defense