**SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**THE WEEKLY BULL – Sept. 25, 2019**

**No Meeting This Week** – Next meeting will be Wednesday October 2rd. It’s a great time to get back into a rule and/or review a section in the mechanics book. Instructional video will be feature Rule 9.

**San Diego Sports Officials Hall of Fame Induction Dinner** – Our own David Hardage goes into the Hall of Fame tomorrow night (Tuesday 9/24). Social hour is at 6:00 and dinner starts at 7:00pm at the Scottish Rite Event Center in Mission Valley. Tickets at <https://www.sandiegosportsofficialshof.com/induction-dinner>

**Interested in Running for the Board?** – Contact Robin House. Four new board members will be elected starting at meeting on October 16th.

**Game Check Weekend** – Thank you to all who participated! Make your game check weekend contributions to sdyouthfootballfund.org. The winning crew will be notified on 10/2 so you all have this weekend to get your donations submitted. Thanks again – Mike Downing and Jake Minger.

**Golf Tournament** – This year’s golf tournament will take place on Wednesday, November 6th at Riverwalk GC in Mission Valley. Shotgun start at 11:00am. $125 covers golf, cart, and lunch. $145 gets you all that plus drink tickets and a chance to win lots of great prizes at the raffle. You can play as a crew, foursome, or play as an individual. Golfers of all abilities and guests are welcome. Contact Ed Blick, Mike Downing, or Jake Minger with questions or go on-line to check out the details and register at [www.sandiegoyouthfootballfund.org](http://www.sandiegoyouthfootballfund.org)

**Thank You Coaches** - Without your support and generous sharing of your game video our association would not be able to benefit from the weekly instructional videos and each crew's self-analysis.  Sometimes we hate what we see, but it provides us with an opportunity to fix it! Again, thank you for making this happen!

**The Regular Season Begins** - Teams are now playing conference opponents and league championships are at stake.  We need to "up our game" in response to this unique part of the schedule.  Teams are more familiar with each other and that can be a good thing or a bad thing.  Be aware of rivalries.

**PAT/Field Goal Holder** – If a team chooses to have their holder not have his knee on the ground then they are no longer in a scrimmage kick formation thus no protection for the snapper and no numbering exceptions. If a holder has his knee on the ground, he may then rise to advance, hand, or pass the ball. Remember, the holder with his knee on the ground must rise first if he wishes to hand or pass the ball (forward or backward).

**Long Incompletions** – We’re happy to report that our flanks are doing a great job of getting involved in the relays from the BJ to the Umpire on long incompletions. Reminder, you may also have your Umpire and flank official get a second ball from the offense’s sideline. Just another option.

**Situational Awareness at the End of the Cal vs Ole Miss Game –** The receiver is airborne in the front of the endzone and his momentum takes him back to the 1 yard line before he actually lands on the ground. As you know, the catch is not completed until the receiver touches inbounds and in this case it’s back at the one! The receiver is tackled at the one and the clock keeps running. Great rules knowledge! Now the situational awareness part…the receiver is standing with the ball and looking stunned and confused. Again, the clock is running down toward zero! The flank official recognizes the situation and grabs the ball away from the receiver and runs it into the umpire who quickly spots the ball and provides an opportunity for the ball to be ruled ready for play (umpire placed the ball and moved away). This gave the offense an opportunity to snap one more time. Cal stopped them and won the game but the real hero of the game in my opinion is the flank official and his situational awareness! Be that guy this week!

**Homecoming –** By rule the home team may be extended to 20 minutes for homecoming or any other major event. The visiting team must have been notified at least 5 minutes prior to the game. Teams will also have the mandatory 3 minute warm up for a total of 23 minutes.

**Crowds Outside the Team Box** – This is a good problem! Some of our feature games are attracting huge crowds which can also mean a lot of extra fans standing on the sideline. Remember, these fans are not a part of the team and cannot be penalized, but should any or some of them interfere with the game and our officiating, then they can be removed by the home school administration. Administration is there for a reason, so don’t bother the head coach. Remember, unsportsmanlike behavior of someone out of the team box is not a foul on that team and cannot be penalized. Use game administration to correct that problem by removing the person from the sidelines.

**Signals and Clock Awareness** – Everyone on the crew should be relaying signals. If one person signals time out, we all signal time out. The clock operator is dependent on good signals from all officials. Let’s make this a crew goal for this week!

**Reporting ejections** – Crew Chiefs must complete enter the report and do so by Sunday morning. I am reprinting the directions for your convenience. Or better yet, let’s not have any ejections!

1. Call Steve Coover the next day, with the ejection.
2. Go to the San Diego CIF website at www.cifsds.org
3. Hover your curser over OFFICIALS and select EJECTION MANAGER
4. On the next screen select CLICK HERE.
5. On the next screen select FOOTBALL from the drop down menu, then enter the password 123.
6. Complete the form. When finished, select Steve Coover as the Liaison. Then press SAVE. You’re done.

**Bands** – The following is taken from the CIF Green Book: “Bands are not allowed to play during the course of the actual contest. In the sport of football, bands may play during timeouts, halftime or in between plays. Bands must stop playing when a team breaks the huddle or in the case of a no huddle offense, when the quarterback lines up in position to take a snap.” Any violation of this CIF policy can be directed to the game administration for immediate correction. Continued violations would be considered an 'unfair act' under NFHS Football Rule 9-10-1 and could result in a 15-yard penalty being assessed to the head football coach of the offending school for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA)** - **Code of Conduct** -

**The following principles and expectations underscore the NASPAA’s P.A. announcing philosophy. P.A. announcers must utilize these guidelines.**

**1.** Announcers shall understand that their role is to provide pertinent information in a timely manner and to do so professionally and not attempt to be bigger than the game or event by doing play-by-play or by providing commentary in an effort to entertain or to draw attention to himself or herself.  
**2.** Announcers shall understand that because they have a tremendous influence on the crowd and that cheerleading or antics designed to incite the crowd for the purpose of gaining an advantage for their team is inappropriate.  
**3.** Announcers shall promote good sportsmanship and a positive environment by what they say and how they act.  
**4.** Announcers shall treat the opponents and their fans as guests, not the enemy.  
**5.** Announcers shall respect the individuals who are responsible for the conduct and administration of athletic games and events, such as coaches, officials and administrators, and avoid making any comments that reflect positively or negatively on them.  
**6.** Announcers shall respect the participants of all teams and remain neutral when introducing the starting participants, announcing substitutions and the outcome of plays or performances of the participants.  
**7.** Announcers shall exhibit professional behavior and represent their school, organization or association with respect and dignity at all times by what they say, how they act and how they appear.