## PENALTY CODES AND DOCUMENTING FOULS

It is recommended that all certified officials note each foul that they call during a game. In most cases, the recording of the foul information cannot be completed during the dead-ball period when the crew is enforcing the foul and communicating with the sidelines. Instead, the calling official should use the next dead ball period to record their foul information. An even better method is to have a volunteer available to record all of the crew’s fouls. Either way, it is highly recommended that the crew completes a Foul Report for each varsity game. A Foul Penalty Tracker Form is available on the SDCFOA.org website.

The recording of fouls greatly enhances the halftime and post-game discussions and improves the video review by the crew if the game film is available. Foul notes can be taken quickly but should not interfere with your focus on the game or dead-ball officiating. Sometimes a BACK JUDGE will use a recording device to record all fouls for the crew. Other times the BACK JUDGE keeps fouls for himself, the umpire and the referee. Each official, and each crew, should develop their own technique for quickly noting their fouls.

Foul Codes have been developed to speed up the note-taking and improve consistency between officials

### **FOUL CODES**

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| **5-YARD PENALTIES**DOG Delay of gameENC EncroachmentFM Grabbing face maskFST False startIDP Ineligible downfield on passIFH Illegal forward handingIFK Illegal fair catch signalIFP Illegal forward passILF Illegal formationILM Illegal motionING Intentional groundingISH Illegal shiftISP Illegal snapKOB Kick out of boundsRNK Running into the kickerSLI Sideline interference, 5 yardsSLW Sideline Warning (no yardage)SUB Illegal substitution**10-YARD PENALTIES**DH Defensive holdingIBK Illegal block during kickIBB Illegal block in the backIUH Illegal use of handsOH Offense holding | **15-YARD PENALTIES**BAT Illegal battingBBW Blocking below the waistCHB Chop blockCLP ClippingDPI Pass interference, defenseFMM Personal foul, face maskHCT Horse collar tackleHUR HurdlingIKB Illegally kickingILP Illegal participationKCI Kick catch interferenceOPI Pass interference, offenseRTH Roughing the holderRTK Roughing the kickerRTP Roughing the passerRTS Roughing the snapperSLM Sideline interference, 15 yardsUNR Personal foul, unnecessary roughnessUNS Unsportsmanlike conduct  |