

# San Diego County Football Officials Association 2015 **PRESNAP ROUTINE - SCRIMMAGE PLAY**

***Concentrate and focus on every play...One play at a time!***

## **General Start of Presnap Routine**

- ✓ Game Clock - 6:39
- ✓ Clock status - Running or stopped?
- ✓ Down and distance
- ✓ Yard line of the snap - Line to gain
- ✓ Game situation - Time and score

## **Preparation for Running Plays**

- ✓ Color of the offense - Color of the defense
- ✓ Count team and signal the count
- ✓ Offensive formation?
- ✓ Establish the line of scrimmage for wide receiver
- ✓ Receiver on or off the line of scrimmage?
- ✓ Communicate with official opposite, a signal is required
- ✓ Identify your keys
- ✓ Clear the snap
- ✓ Read the action of the offensive line
- ✓ Establish Point of Attack - Rule on block at POA
- ✓ Pick up the runner and progress
- ✓ Loose ball?
- ✓ Do you see leather? *No! Officiate as a fumble.*

## **Preparation for Passing Plays**

- ✓ Number of receiver? - Number of defender?
- ✓ Action by and on receiver
- ✓ Receiver free from foul and being fouled?
- ✓ Receiver initiates contact? - Think OPI
- ✓ Man - Zone - Ball
- ✓ Contest for the ball...*not the ball*
- ✓ Feet...Ball
- ✓ "Show me the ball."
- ✓ *When in question...the pass is incomplete*

## **General End of Presnap Routine**

- ✓ End zone involved?
- ✓ Goal line or end line responsibility?
- ✓ Position...Position...Position
- ✓ Go slow...slower...slower
- ✓ Look for help - Scan for confirmation
- ✓ Strong physical signals
- ✓ Continue to officiate
- ✓ Anticipate dead ball fouls
- ✓ Officiate until the colors separate
- ✓ **Be a great dead ball official!**

***When the dead ball period ends, do it again. Do it every play!***