

**San Diego County
Football Officials Association
Syllabus for 2nd Year Officials**

SUMMARY

- **Officiating Consistency**
- **Communication**
- **General Game Mechanics**
- **Coin Toss And Kick Off**
- **Line Play**
- **The Running Game**
- **The Passing Game**
- **The Scrimmage Kicking Game**
- **Dead Ball Officiating**
- **Penalty Enforcement**

Emphasis on Officiating Consistency

- Player Safety
- Targeting
- Blind Side Blocks
- Offensive Line play
- Illegal Blocks
- Personal Fouls
 - Dead Ball Officiating
 - Intentional contact with runner on the ground

Communication

- Verbal Communication
 - Offensive/Defense, kick team/receiving team, red team/white team
- Non-Verbal Communication
 - Signals
- Crew Communication
- Only One Official speaks at a time
 - Always, in all places.
- Communication with Coaches
 - Penalty enforcement options
- Communication with Players

General Game Mechanics

- Down and Distance
- Game clock status
- Accordion mechanics
- Officiating Signals
- Chain Crew Instruction
- Timer's instructions
- Sideline coordination and communication
- Ball mechanics
- Kicking ball mechanics
- Measurements
- Ineligible numbers
- Timeouts
 - Time outs
 - Half Time
- Crew Conferences
- Four (4) man mechanics
- Emergencies

Coin Toss And Kick Off

- Coin Toss
- Kick Off
 - Kicking team formation
 - Wedge coverage
 - Fair Catch
 - OFK
- Onside kicks

Game Timing

- Crew timing signals and communication
- Period extensions
- Game Pace and Tempo
 - No Huddle and Hurry-Up Pace and Tempo

Line Play

- False Start and Snap Infractions
 - Flag tossed to the side of the offending team
- Blocking, Holding, Illegal use of hands
 - Demonstrated Restriction
- Clipping
- Goal Line communication
- The line of scrimmage
 - Shotgun formation and low blocks

The Running Game

- Forward Progress
- Cross field mechanics
- Runner down
 - Double action
 - Intentional contact with runner on the ground
- The Goal Line
 - Excessive contact with player after a score

The Passing Game

- Passing game mechanics
- Defensive Pass Interference
 - Not playing the ball, Playing through the back, Grabbing and restricting, Arm Bar, Cutting Off, Hooking and Restricting, Face guarding
- Offensive Interference
 - Creating Separation, Driving through a defender, Blocking Downfield
- Catch - No Catch, Recovery of a Loose Ball
- Intentional grounding

The Scrimmage Kicking Game

- Scrimmage Kicks
- Punts
 - Muff, Catch, Fumble
 - Fair Catch
 - Goal line coverage
 - Signaler of fair catch coverage
- Field Goals

Penalty Enforcement

- Physical Signals
- Verbal Communication
- Double and Multiple fouls
- Flags, Bean Bags and the Ball
 - Ball on the ground at the dead ball spot
- Covering flags
- Crisp, efficient processing of fouls
 - Coach's Options
 - Penalty Announcement Rehearsal
 - Tempo and Presentation

“Big Play Downs”

- 3rd down plays
- Red Zone Plays
 - Red Zones at both ends of the field

PERSONAL CONSISTENCY

- Communicate
- Concentrate
 - Pre-snap routine
- Focus
- Anticipate
 - **Do not** assume
 - See the entire action
- ***“Trust what you see”***
- Strong, confident signals
- Help out
- ***“Step up”***

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