



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

### NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S MID-SEASON COMMENTS

As we begin the second half of the 2011 season, I want to make some observations about the year so far that can be helpful as we move forward. In general we are having a fine season and very seldom if at all has the officiating been the “story of the game.” The areas of greatest scrutiny—unsportsmanlike conduct and targeting—we are handling quite well.

Here are some issues that need our attention:

- **SIDELINE CONTROL**
  - Be more assertive about keeping the sidelines clean and working with the coaches to keep them off the field. Game Video Review 2 shows examples of coaches being on the field illegally. We need to walk them back to the sideline the first time, but if they persist in this activity then we need to throw the flag.
  
- **GAME MANAGEMENT**
  - Penalty efficiency—This should be improved; also better announcements by the Referee.
  - Discussions among officials—Minimize these as much as possible. Discussions should be very brief and to the point. Lengthy conversations can indicate confusion.
  - Declaring the end of the game—Be certain that the scoreboard shows the correct score when the Referee declares the game over.
  
- **REFEREES: INSTANT REPLAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

By rule the announcement is:

“The ruling on the field is .....(description). The play is under further review.”

- **PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT**
  - By rule each player must wear a four- or six-point chinstrap and all points **must be snapped**. We must be more assertive about this.
  
- **PLAYER SAFETY**
  - Some conferences are reporting an uptick in the number of targeting fouls include shots to the head. We must continue to be diligent in enforcing these rules.

Finally, I want to say how much I appreciate everyone's hard work. This is a difficult business and one that we all love so much. As I get around the country to observe games I am very proud of the dedication and enthusiasm that I see in college football officials everywhere. Thanks for all you do!

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