



Welcome DFOA New Members!



**Dallas Football Officials Association**  
New Members Orientation  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019



# Agenda

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- Becoming a Football Official
- New Members Guide
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# Introductions

- New Members Training Committee
  - Rick Skaggs – 52<sup>nd</sup> year
  - Tom Poore – 48<sup>th</sup> year
  - Xavier Velasquez – 11<sup>th</sup> year
  - Bruce Tiff – 10<sup>th</sup> year
- DFOA Recruiting Committee
- DFOA Board Members



# Becoming a New Official - Benefits

- Participate in the sport you Love
- Earn extra money (PeeWee, 7-on-7, Flag, Subvarsity,Chains)
- It can be very fun
- Expand your social and professional networks
- Aspirations of officiating in College or NFL
- You'll learn a lot about yourself



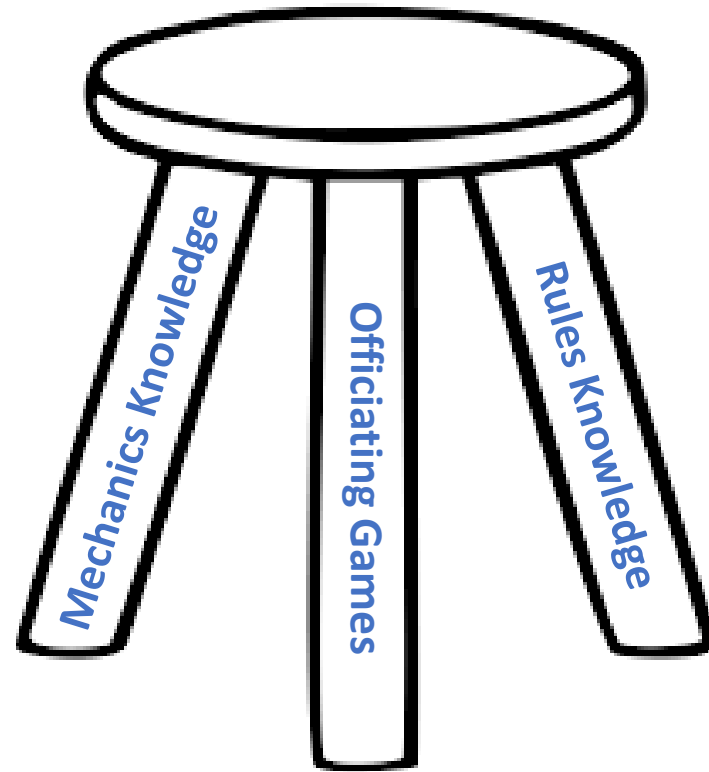
# Officiating Nuggets of Wisdom

- Mastering the definitions in the rulebook is critical to understanding the rules.
- You learn to admit you're wrong and move on quickly.
- You start to watch football from an officiating perspective instead a fan's perspective.
- Officiating teaches you to become a better leader.
- The action isn't always where the ball is.
- You'll learn to ignore obnoxious fans.
- You'll drive your spouse/significant other crazy with your officiating stories.
- You'll sit in the stands and mumble "you're wrong" every time you hear another person in the stands yell at the officials because said fan does not know the rules.
- Advancement may come slower than you expect — but better a year late than a year too soon.
- You won't work varsity right away — and shouldn't.

# Lets Have Some Fun – Rules Knowledge

1. On a play snapped from the 20 yd line going in. The defense commits a Pass Interference foul in the end zone. The penalty will give the ball to the passing team on the 2 yd line going in?
2. A muffed kick beyond neutral zone recovered by the kicking team can never be advanced?
3. An offensive tackle can only be eligible to catch a forward pass as long as he reports to the officials that he will be in in an eligible position in the formation before the play begins?
4. The penalty for Offensive pass interference is a 15 yards?
5. If the offense snaps the ball with only 9 players it is a foul?
6. What is the maximum length of a football allowed by rule?

# Keys to Becoming Proficient



# How we Speak - Team A & Team B

During all of our discussions...

- **TEAM A** is the team that puts the ball in play.
- **TEAM B** is the opponent.
- **OFFENSE** is the team in possession.
- **DEFENSE** is the team NOT in possession.
- Team A and Team B designations DO NOT CHANGE during the down even though offensive and defensive designations CAN.
- **TEAM A & TEAM B** retain these designations until the ball is next ready for play.



# How we Speak – Example Play

**Team A** 1<sup>st</sup> & 10 at the A-30. The QB, A11, takes the snap and rolls to his right and throws a forward pass toward A88 at the B-40 where B23 intercepts the pass and runs to the A-45 where he is tackled. While B23's is returning the ball, B95 blocked A22 below the waist at the B-45. At the snap **Team A** had 5 players in the backfield.

- Who is on offense and Who is on Defense?
  - Team A - **Offense** until interception, then on **Defense**, but are still Team A
  - Team B – **Defense** until interception then on **Offense**, but are still Team B
- How many fouls were there? **Two**
- What is the result of the play? **Team B, 1<sup>st</sup> and 10 at the B-30**

# New Members Guide



- Provides important details on becoming a new football official
- Please read and review as it will answer a lot of common questions
- Available on [www.dfoa.com](http://www.dfoa.com) & Reftown and will be sent to all new members via email



# Training Schedule

- **New Members training every Monday night, Green Hill School 6:30pm**
  - First class starts July 8<sup>th</sup> then every Monday through end of Sep 16<sup>th</sup> – Email notices will be sent.
  - No classes July 1<sup>st</sup> (week of July 4<sup>th</sup>) or Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> (week of Labor Day)
- ***DFOA Regional Rules Clinic*** June 29<sup>th</sup> – Registration Free to new members.
- ***Young Guns Clinic*** – On-field clinic in August (Date/Time - TBD)

# TASO Annual State Football Meeting

- TASO State Football Meeting – Woodlands, TX, July 26-27<sup>th</sup>
  - Venue: Woodlands Marriot Waterway.
  - **FREE for all new members** to attend Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>. – register at [www.taso.org](http://www.taso.org). New Members are encouraged to attend and can earn up to 11 Education points towards their Division ranking.
  - Breakout training session for new members provided.
  - Other **optional** events offered on Friday and Saturday (Jun 26-27<sup>th</sup>)



# Box-Man Program

- Opportunity to be a member of an existing Varsity Crew
  - Responsible for down-box on a crews High School Varsity games
  - Provides season long mentorship from the crew
  - As part of the chain crew you are paid for this role
- Refer to New Members Guide for more details



# Satellite Secretaries – Who you Contact to get Scheduled for Sub-varsity Games



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# Transferring to the DFOA?

- If you are transferring from another State and want to be considered for receiving credit for previous Football officiating experience, please provide the following information to the DFOA Chapter Secretary (email [secretary@dfoa.com](mailto:secretary@dfoa.com)).
  - Letter of recommendation from your prior association(s)
  - List of games the levels that you have officiated from your prior association(s)



# Next Steps

- **Complete registration(s) if you haven't already – both steps TASO & DFOA**
- **Make sure you can login to the following websites:**
  - Reftown: [www.reftown.org](http://www.reftown.org) (contact [secretary@dfoa.com](mailto:secretary@dfoa.com) if you have issues)
  - TASO: [www.taso.org](http://www.taso.org) (contact [football@taso.org](mailto:football@taso.org) if you have issues)
- **Contact satellite secretaries to request game assignments**
- **Read NCAA Rule 2 – Definitions before next class – July 8th**
- **Get your uniform as soon as possible**



# You will Receive the following via Email

- [2019 NCAA Football Rules \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 UIL Exceptions to the NCAA Football Rules \(PDF\)](#)
- [2019 UIL 6-man Football Variations to the NCAA Rules \(PDF\)](#)
- [DFOA New Members Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [TASO 2019 3, 4, & 5 Man Mechanics Manuals \(PDF\)](#)
- [New Members Training Schedule & Agenda\(PDF\)](#)
- [This Presentation \(PDF\)](#)

# Questions?

**We look forward to seeing you at the  
DFOA Regional Rules Clinic June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**- And -**

**Don't forget - First class starts July 8<sup>th</sup>**

