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OFFICIATING PHILOSOPHY

GET PREPARED MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY BEFORE THE SEASON, STAY PREPARED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. GET IN THE BOOK!

A GOOD OFFICIAL KEEPS HIS COOL, WHEN THOSE AROUND HIM ARE LOSING THEIRS.

GET THE OBVIOUS...SEE EVERYTHING YOU CALL, BUT DON'T CALL EVERYTHING YOU SEE. DON'T BE TOO TECHNICAL...LET 'EM PLAY!

DON'T REACH FOR YOUR FLAG UNLESS YOU INTEND TO TOSS IT. GET A NUMBER! KEEP OFFICIATING! REMEMBER, WHEN YOU TOSS A FLAG ON THE FIELD, YOU AND YOUR CREW'S INTEGRITY ARE AT STAKE.

DO NOT THROW SUPPORT FLAGS, OR BLOW SUPPORT WHISTLES.

ALWAYS SEE THE BALL BEFORE BLOWING THE WHISTLE...AVOID INADVERTENT WHISTLES.

BEAN BAG FUMBLES...KNOW THAT IT IS A LOOSE BALL, DON'T GUESS!

BE A GOOD "DEAD BALL" OFFICIAL...KEEP PLAYERS IN VIEW UNTIL THEY ARE OUT OF JEOPARDY.

USE PREVENTIVE OFFICIATING WHEN POSSIBLE...DON'T COACH.

DON'T TRY TO "MAKE-UP" FOR A BAD CALL...USE THAT FEELING AS INCENTIVE TO WORK HARDER...BE READY FOR THE NEXT CALL.

DON'T LOOK FOR A CALL...LET THEM COME TO YOU.

CRISP BALL MOVEMENT ON DEAD BALLS...KEEP IT OFF THE GROUND. SHOW "IT", THEN THROW "IT".

COUNT PLAYERS EVERY DOWN. ALL CREW MEMBERS.

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NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS...DON'T CONGREGATE ON EVERY DEAD BALL.

HUSTLE...DON'T HURRY. AND DON'T WALK!

COMMUNICATE WITH COURTESY...TREAT COACHES AND PLAYERS WITH RESPECT.

STAY FOCUSED FOR 48 MINUTES (PLUS OT, IF NECESSARY). KEEP YOUR CREWMATES FOCUSED.

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!!!

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