



## Week 8 notes

- **Control of the game** – I asked Dave Batista to speak about bad behavior and unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches assistant coaches and players. I am still getting reports of behavior that should be dealt with warnings and flags. Instead this behavior is being ignored with the hope that the crew will just get through the game. This type of officiating cannot go on. Not only are you hurting yourself, but you are setting the next crew up for a bad experience. Be polite and direct with the head coach regarding any bad behavior by he or his assistants. If the behavior involves vulgarity directed at the officials, there is no warning. That should be flagged as unsportsmanlike conduct immediately. If there is constant complaining about not calling a foul, that should be dealt with by issuing a warning. If it continues, then you have a flag for unsportsmanlike conduct. I will back you up 100% if you end up with an ejection. This type of behavior is escalating we need to nip it in the bud now.
- **League Play** - We're entering the next phase of the season...league championships and CIF Playoffs. Step it up!
- **Catch/Muff/Fumble** - Good time for all BJs and LJs to review catch/muff/fumble and first touching. **Catch** – we're slow to rule so as not to blow an inadvertent whistle. Be patient to let the returner an opportunity to complete the catch process before whistling the play dead. **Muff** – the ball is live, kick has not ended, and either team can recover (kickers may not advance). **Fumble** – kick has ended, either team may recover and advance.
- **First Touching** – The whole crew must be aware of this rule and properly determine that the kick has not ended, R can advance after 1<sup>st</sup> touching, bean bag indicates the spot of first touching (unless K has blocked or pushed R into the ball). R has the right to take the ball at the spot of first touching unless R has fouled after first touching or a penalty is accepted for any foul committed during the down.
- **Halftime-** The crew is expected to evaluate the following in a quick and disciplined manner:
  - How were the coaches?
  - How were the sidelines?
  - Chains?
  - Timer?
  - Game tempo?
  - Conduct a review of all fouls (especially major fouls)
  - Create a list of all unusual or controversial plays
  - Add plays that might show a mechanics issue

- Did we manage key players well?
- What haven't we seen?
- What does the 2nd half need? Running clock? Overtime? Other adjustments?
- How did we do on our goals?

This halftime assessment will be coupled with an assessment of the crew's second half evaluation and discussion of the same bullets immediately after the game in the locker room (for varsity games). The result will be a comprehensive self-assessment by the crew for that game. The list of fouls plus the list of unusual and/or controversial plays will form the basis for that week's cut ups of the game video

- **Week 8 Schedule-** <https://ocfoa.org/members-area/weekly-schedule/>
- **Week 8 Quiz -** <https://ocfoa.org/ocfoa-weekly-quizzes/>