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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- Always have a coin incase the referee forgets to bring one
- Be mentally and physically prepared well before game day (Hydrate, know the rules)
- Double check you have all of the necessary equipment, and have additional items
- Know the rules!
- Know the penalty enforcement
- Controlled hustle

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW CONTINUED

PREGAME RESPONSIBILITIES

- With the Ref, meet the home and visiting coaches, check any player(s) from each team for legal equipment (clear face shield)
- Ensure the Ref did not forget anything during the meeting with head coaches

DURING GAME

- Count offensive players on every play. Signal to Referee with closed fist if the offense has 11 players.
- Note there are five (5) players numbered 50-79 on the offensive line when the offense is not in a scrimmage kick formation
- Keys are the center and two guards
- Read for pass or run
- COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE
- Get to know the centers

DURING GAME CONTINUED

- Position yourself from 5 – 8 yards deep, but do not interfere with the path or movement of the linebacker
- Do not allow the defensive team to use words or signals to disconcert the offensive team
- Whenever possible, coordinate your position with the referee (opposite)
- Use your forearm and not your hands

DURING GAME CONTINUED

- Help out with passes over the middle and be prepared to rule catch or no catch
- On running plays, do not watch the ball carrier, but watch for play around the ball.
- Watch for illegal use of hands or holding after the snap
- Rule on illegal movement by restricted lineman prior to the snap

DURING GAME CONTINUED

- The hash marks are not your boundaries, move from sideline to sideline if play dictates
- Spot the ball after each play
 - Soft spot
- Signal which down it is every play and check with fellow officials
- DO NOT BLOW YOUR WHISTLE UNLESS YOU HAVE TO.
- DO NOT SIGNAL A TOUCHDOWN unless...



QUESTIONS
OR FINAL THOUGHTS