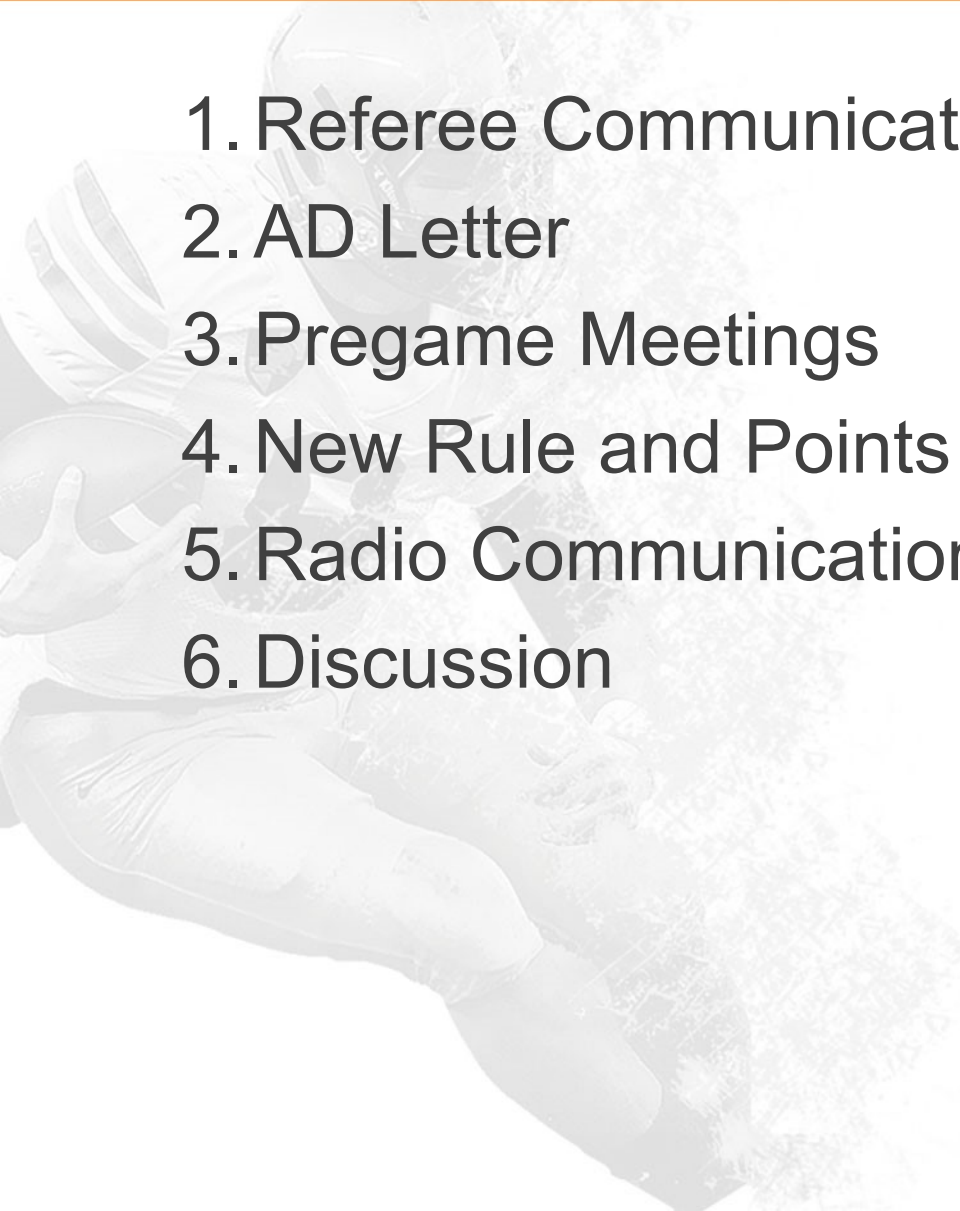




# Referee Breakout

July 12, 2021

# Agenda

1. Referee Communication Throughout Season
  2. AD Letter
  3. Pregame Meetings
  4. New Rule and Points of Emphasis
  5. Radio Communication
  6. Discussion
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# Referee Communication

Referees email crew chief by Monday evening each week if you experience issues related to:

- Playing field
  - Safety issues (objects too close to field)
  - Marked incorrectly
- Dressing facility
  - Cleanliness
  - Showers provided?
  - Secure?
- Lack of security before and after game
- No drinks/food provided
  - Before, halftime and after game
- Unusual plays or penalty enforcements
- Play or game clock operators

Crew Chief will email entire group by Tuesday evening with reported issues.



# AD Letter

June 4, 2020

AD Game Notice



Instructions:

Copy and paste this in the body of your email and address the yellow areas below.

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Athletic Director:

I will be the referee in your game on Friday [REDACTED]. The crew will arrive at [REDACTED]. To insure all goes well, please answer the following questions for me.

1. Where will the officials dress for the game?
2. Will there be designated parking for the officials? If so, where?
3. Will there be someone to greet us and direct us to our dressing facility?
4. Who will act as the Game Day Administrator? Where will they be prior to, during and after the game? Also, what is their contact information?
5. Are there any special activities planned prior to or during halftime?

If you are providing a game clock operator and/or a play clock operator, please have them meet with the officials in the dressing room at [REDACTED].

Please make sure there are no hard surfaces or material within 5 yards of the sideline. Storm grates, track runways and any other unsafe objects must be covered or removed. Also, please ask the chain crew and ball boys to be on the sideline for instruction 30 minutes in advance of kickoff.

A security escort to the locker room after game would be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters.

Looking forward to seeing you on [REDACTED].

Thank you

Referee X



# Pregame Meetings

- Zoom?
- Game site?
- Combination of both?



# New Rule (2021)

## 2021

(2-17-2c (NEW), 2-17-4)

### Action in the Free-Blocking Zone

Blocking below the waist now requires the block to begin immediately following the snap. (Under the current rule, an offensive lineman can delay and then block below the waist if the ball is still in the zone.)



# Points of Emphasis (2021)

## **Sportsmanship**

When considering sportsmanship, many may first think only of the game participants (athletes and coaches) within the timeframe of the game. Although players and coaches are the most visible in their displays of sportsmanship, proper sportsmanship also includes public address Announcers, bands and spectators.

## **Intentional Grounding**

Under NFHS rules, unless using the legal exception in Rule 7-5-2e, intentional grounding is a foul whenever a forward pass is thrown to prevent a loss of yardage or to conserve time or to an area not occupied by an eligible receiver. High school referees need to be aware of these situations and, with the help of the line judge and linesman, make the correct call under NFHS football rules.

## **Ineligible Downfield**

Ineligible A players may not advance beyond the expanded neutral zone on a legal forward pass play before a legal forward pass that crosses the neutral zone is in flight. The neutral zone expands two yards behind the defensive line of scrimmage following the snap. When identifying A players who are illegally downfield it is important to make sure that the A player is clearly beyond the expanded neutral zone (2 yards) at the moment that the pass occurs.



# Radio Use & Communication

- Completely Charge the battery
- Don't store with the antenna attached
- Don't store loosely in your game bag
- Explore use of optional belly pouch (can replace using belt clip)
- Test/Experiment with Radio to insure that you are getting the most out of it
- Position of both radio on the belt and microphone on shirt (ease of use and clarity)
- Prior to game test radios on field for clarity and to insure no one else is on same frequency





# Radio Communication

## Do's

- Push Button-Hesitate-THEN Speak
- Keep messages brief and to the point
- Use appropriate/Professional language

## Dont's

- Talk at the same time as someone else
- Use while the Referee is communicating penalty announcements with a head coach or with press box)
- To replace Mechanics or Signals



# Radio Communication

## Examples of Appropriate Use

- Ball placement (yard lines or position on the field 1-5)
- Line to gain confirmations (ex: runner is short or 1st down)
- Confirmation/Questions on rulings
- Clock/Time Management (ex: team requests/number of T.O. remaining or under 2 minutes and under 1 minute)
- Player foul reporting if simple (1 foul/1 number/no Change of Possession)
- Penalty enforcement options/corrections (to and from the coaches)
- Goal line reminders (examples switches etc.)



# Radio Communication

- Sideline control issues
- Positions on a try (example-legal numbers)
- Player conduct concerns (involve coaches to prevent flags/DQs)

Try to use radios during dead ball periods

Refrain from using while the ball is live or when the snap is imminent

Radios should be used to enhance communication, NOT to replace necessary verbal communication



# Discussion

