

Breakout Session #1

Fouls

MFOA Meeting 5

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Foul Philosophy

- **MAKE ALL FOULS FIT ONE OF THE THREE PILLARS:**
 - **Pre-Snap Fouls**
 - Know the level of competition and make the right decision
 - Be Consistent throughout the whole game
 - Be able to explain what happened
 - **Safety Fouls**
 - Football is a different game than it was in 1990
 - Protect Players, from the actions of others & their own actions
 - **Impact Fouls**
 - Does this foul impact the play
 - Has this been a foul throughout the game

What SHOULD you see (Pre-Snap)

- R
 - Tackle & Guard on YOUR side
 - Early Movement from Backfield
 - Actions of the QB
- U
 - Snapper & Ball
 - GCG
 - Pick up Tackle away from R, especially if covered by TE on the end of line
- Wings
 - Wide Outs
 - Early Movements by Tackle or TE on the end of the line
- Back Judge
 - Confirm your Count
 - Confirm your Keys

What SHOULD you see (Passing Play)

- R
 - Tackle & Guard on YOUR side
 - Any Pulling Lineman are your responsibility
 - QB!
- U
 - CGT away from R
 - Watch out for crossing patterns
 - When safe....move towards LOS. Primary on Ineligible Downfield
 - Secondary on Passes beyond LOS
 - KNOW whether a pass is caught beyond the LOS
- Wings
 - Stay with your keys
 - Secondary on Ineligible Downfield, especially backside of a play moving away from you
 - Watch for Holding of Eligible Receivers
 - Leave the QB alone unless it involves the spot or Facemask fouls
- Back Judge
 - Stay with your keys
 - Keep your cushion to be able to see

What SHOULD you see (Running Play)

- R
 - Tackle & Guard on YOUR side
 - Any Pulling Lineman are your responsibility
 - QB!
- U
 - CGT away from R
 - Cut Blocks and High/Low Blocks
- Wings
 - Perimeter Blocks
 - Fouls against the Runner
- Back Judge
 - Perimeter Blocks
 - Fouls against the Runner

Things to stay away from

- R
 - Spots in the back field (have information but don't give up the players)
- U
 - OPI & DPI (ok to have information but not your flag....ever)
 - Fouls against the Runner (Facemask & Horse Collar)
- Wings
 - Roughing the QB (leave this for the R)
- Back Judge
 - Interior Line Fouls (ok to watch but you better be right if you throw)

Special Guest

- Welcome Eddie Simmons!
 - New Director of Officiating Services for the NCHSAA

Breakout Spaces

- Wings – Stay Here
- Umpires – Downstairs
- Referees – Barnhart Classroom 104/105
- Back Judges – Gym Multipurpose Room