



## **COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC**

### **2017 NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S POSTSEASON LETTER**

As we move through the end of the regular season, there is plenty of football left to play, and many of you are or will be involved in these games. Championship tournaments in Division III, Division II, and the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) are currently underway. A number of conference championship games take place this coming weekend. For teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), the bowl selections will be made this coming Sunday, and the first bowl games are only a couple weeks away.

Let me first thank everyone for a great season. The officiating this year has been excellent. I had the opportunity this week to speak to a civic group in another city, and members of the audience went out of their way to say what a great job the officials do and to recognize how tough a job it is. There is always room for improvement, of course, and indeed an underlying philosophy of CFO is continued quality improvement. We are doing great work as an important part of a great game; the challenge is to continue to improve.

Congratulations to all who are currently working in the division playoffs, and also to those of you who will receive bowl assignments. This is at once a great honor and a serious responsibility. You have earned these assignments by hard work and excellent performance. It is important to continue in this mode for these games. We need to remain diligent about player safety, particularly targeting fouls. We need to remain diligent about actions by players and coaches that are plainly unsportsmanlike conduct. Replay officials need to remain diligent about reviewing plays that have a clear impact on the game. Preparation, focus and concentration are the keys to excellent officiating in the postseason just as in the regular season. View every game as another opportunity to excel.

Finally: Be the best team on the field. I know you will!

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