



## **COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC**

### **2017 CFO NATIONAL REFEREE CONFERENCE**

The second annual CFO National Referee Conference was held in Dallas on April 28-29, 2017. Conceived and led by a committee chaired by Big 12 coordinator Walt Anderson, this year's meeting drew more than 250 referees from across the country. After last year's very successful inaugural meeting for referees in Division I, the 2017 conference was open to referees in all divisions; thus, a large number of Division II and III referees attended. The organizers made a conscious effort to encourage interaction among attendees in all three divisions and across conferences.

In response to feedback from those at the 2016 meeting, this year the conference featured a number of breakout sessions, led by active referees. These sessions covered several topics important especially to referees, such as Starting Out as a Referee, Using the Microphone, Situational Awareness, Pregame Meeting and Crew Evaluation, and Leadership 101. Also, sessions were offered on a number of game action topics: Offensive Holding, Chop Blocks and Leg Whips, Intentional Grounding and Roughing (Passer and Kicker), Mechanics, Breaking Down Video, and Instant Replay.

The feedback was very positive. Those that attended the 2016 meeting were complimentary about the increased number of breakout topics. Especially well received was the opportunity for referees to spend some time with colleagues from other conferences and around the country.

Kudos to the organizing committee: Walt Anderson, Chair (Big 12), Dennis Hennigan (ACC), John O'Neill (B1G), and Karl Richins (Big Sky). Special thanks to the all of the presenters:

REFEREES: Matt Austin (SEC), Mike Cannon (B1G), Dan Capron (B1G), Land Clark (PAC-12), Mike Defee (Big 12), Jeff Flanagan (ACC), Michael Mothershed (PAC-12), John O'Neill (B1G), Hubert Owens, (SEC), and Reggie Smith (Big 12).

COORDINATORS: Jim Blackwood (CFO Instant Replay), Byron Boston, (Southland), Greg Burks (Mountain West), Bill Carollo (B1G and MAC), Steve Shaw (SEC and Sun Belt)

***Rogers Redding***

***National Coordinator of Football Officials***

***May 2017***