



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S 2018 PRESEASON LETTER

As we begin another exciting season of college football, I take this opportunity to offer thanks and encouragement for the new year. Over the past several months I have had the privilege of attending a number of clinics, conference meetings, sessions with members of the media, and other events that all point to the start of the 2018 season. What is clear to me from these experiences is that college football officiating is in very good shape—and that is due to the hard work of all the officials and conference coordinators, plus the strong and enthusiastic support of the conference commissioners. At the conference level there is unprecedented support and approval for what you are doing. Everyone involved in officiating on the field and in the replay booth continues to be deeply engaged in understanding the rules, the mechanics, the points of emphasis, and the myriad of details that you must master to be successful.

Part of your preparation for the season should be to pay close attention to the various items posted to this web site. I call particular attention to the tests and videos posted by Dean Blandino, our new National Director of Instant Replay. **Note that these materials are not only for Instant Replay Officials and Coordinators.** Everyone—whether on the field, in the replay booth or in a conference video center—must be knowledgeable about the rules for replay. This holds true also for those whose games don't routinely involve instant replay; you may be called upon either during the season or in the playoffs to have the rules of instant replay at your fingertips, and that won't happen unless you are very intentional about your study.

Reviewing the video for the rules changes, the national training videos, and the other videos and testing materials here will not only prepare you for the season, but returning to these during the season will help keep you sharp. As the season progresses, pay attention to these tips:

- Study the rule book every day.
- Study the mechanics manual every day.
- Look at the weekly Game Video Reviews regularly.
- Watch for new items on the web site.

- Give careful attention to any information you receive from your conference coordinator.

No one knows better than I what a difficult and challenging avocation football officiating is, as well as how rewarding it can be. I commend you on your passion for this work and for your commitment to making yourself a better official.

Finally, I challenge you to look at every play in every game as another opportunity to excel.

Thanks for all you do. Sincere best wishes for a safe and successful season!

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