



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S 2019 PRESEASON LETTER

As we begin another exciting season of college football, I take this opportunity to offer thanks and encouragement for the new year. The 2019 season has special significance: **it is the 150th anniversary of college football**. You will see many features on television and at your games in observance of this milestone. Be sure to join your fellow officials in the CFO part of this celebration by wearing the CFB150 patch on your uniform shirt.

Many of your conferences have been conducting clinics and workshops designed to help you prepare for the season. At the national level, we are devoting considerable effort to this as well, through postings to this site. These include:

- Rules change video
- The 2019 CFO/NCAA national rules test
- Preseason Instant Replay memos, quizzes and videos
- Weekly series of Preseason Training Videos

While these were posted as a part of your offseason work, I advise you to return to them during the season also. They will help keep you sharp.

Your weekly preparation during the season should include logging on to the site on a regular basis---certainly weekly, and preferably every day. Each week we will continue our practice of posting the Game Video Review, a collection of 12-15 plays taken from games of the previous week.

New this season: Secretary-Rules Editor Steve Shaw and I will be collaborating on a brief quiz each week as a learning check for you and your crew to use as a feature of your game preparation.

As the season progresses, pay attention to these tips:

- Study the rulebook every day.
- Study the mechanics manual every day.
- Look at the weekly Game Video Reviews regularly.
- Work the Shaw-Redding quizzes each week alone and with your crew.
- 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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