



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S APRIL 2020 LETTER

First and foremost – I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy. My heart goes out to individuals, families and medical personnel that are fighting this pandemic, and I know we will ultimately triumph. We are all – right now living through an unprecedented time in our country's history, and I would expect that our top priority should be to take care of our family through this uncertainty. We would normally be in the heart of Spring Football and would be working scrimmages and Spring Games and preparing for the 2020 season as we are accustomed. These are not normal times.

I know that there are many questions out there - will the season start on time, what about officials' physicals, COVID-19 testing, background checks and when will the 2020 CFO site launch? All excellent questions and I assure you that Conference Commissioners, the NCAA, our medical experts and your Coordinators will be plugged in as progress is made and timelines established. It is incumbent on us all to ensure that after taking care of our personal responsibilities that we do the things that make us better as officials entering the 2020 season.

I know many coordinators are giving extra homework to ensure we keep our minds sharp. We want to supplement that at the national level, and ensure that each week through this off season, you have a window to immerse yourself in football. To that end, next week we will launch a national rules quiz, and the following week launch an offseason training video with varying topics. We will continue to alternate these training tools each week until we see clear to begin our fall preparations for the 2020 season. Also, we will be scheduling virtual meetings for Replay Officials – by conference, to replace the National Instant Replay Clinic.

Let's be good citizens, great family leaders and spend some "extra" time to prepare for football.

Warmest Regards.

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