



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S END-OF-SEASON LETTER

Now that the bowl games, the division championships, and the College Football Playoff are behind us, I want to offer some observations in retrospect. The 2018 season was arguably the best season for football officiating in recent memory. You as officials and coordinators had an excellent year. There was improved understanding of the rules, better focus on mechanics, and more serious attention to control of the game. We are improving our management of the rules around student-athlete safety, which remains the focus of the rules committee and other stakeholders.

We still have work to do. Getting teams to comply with the rules about uniforms and apparel continues to be a challenge, and we need to do better. Unsportsmanlike conduct by players and coaches seems to be creeping back into our game. And of course we can always have quicker recall of the playing rules. Continuous improvement is always our aim.

The 2019 season will bring a major event—the 150th anniversary of college football. CFO will be participating in the celebration and year-long observance of this important milestone, about which there will be more said as the season approaches. I look forward to CFO marking the season by having another terrific year.

Finally, I want to say thanks. My gratitude goes out to all the officials, who spend so much time and energy and bring so much passion to this craft. I also want to thank the conference coordinators—only they know how much work, preparation and careful thought goes into the myriad of demands that a coordinator must meet. Having walked in their shoes, I deeply appreciate all that they do for our great game. I also want to thank all of you for the encouragement and support that I receive as your national coordinator. I appreciate this more than you know.

Best wishes for some rest and recovery in the brief offseason!

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National Coordinator of Football Officials
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