



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 2019 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 is quickly coming back into our game, and we must be firmer in strictly enforcing the rules. And of course we can always have quicker recall of the playing rules. Continuous quality improvement is always our aim.

We celebrated a major milestone in 2019—the 150th anniversary of college football. CFO participated in the celebration and year-long observance of this important milestone, and I appreciate all of you for your cooperation in this effort.

Finally, I want to say thanks. This letter will be my final posting to the web site; my retirement as national coordinator officially takes effect January 31. This has been the best appointment of my officiating career. I have enjoyed the support and friendship of commissioners, coordinators and college officials around the country during the entirety of my nine-year stint, and I appreciate that more than you can possibly know. I am so glad that I was able to meet a number of you in my travels around the country. My only regret is that it wasn't possible to get to know all of you!

When Steve Shaw begins his time in this chair, I know that you will give him the same level of encouragement and support that I enjoyed for these nine years. A friend of mine for twenty-five years, Steve is a great leader and a gentleman of the highest integrity, one who has garnered respect and admiration throughout the football community. We are working together to make this a smooth and seamless transition.

And so I bid you a fond farewell. I look forward to watching CFO from some remove. And for now, best wishes for some well-deserved rest and recovery in the brief offseason!

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National Coordinator of Football Officials
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