

Pre-Game Conference Checklist

A pre-game conference is an opportunity for the crew to get into a positive frame of mind to officiate

Pre-Game Duties

- Officials uniform check
- Spot check players equipment
- Coaches certification
- Game balls and ball boys
- Instruction of chain crew
- Instruction of clock operator
- Inspection of field

Coin Toss Procedure

- First Half procedure
- Second Half Options

Free Kicks

- Instructions to teams
- Restraining lines
- Starting clock
- Momentum into EZ
- Touchback
- Kick OOB
- Fair catch and interference
- Forward handoffs/pass
- Onside kick-legal touching
- Free kick after safety

Scrimmage Plays-General

- Positions
- Count players
- Substitutions
- Legality of offensive line
- Eligibility of receivers
- Man in Motion
- Dead ball fouls
- Legality of snap
- Hurry –up offense
- Crew Communication
- Slow whistles

Scrimmage Plays-Runs

- Action in front of runner
- Forward progress/out of bounds
- Goal line/short yardage
- Inside the 7 yard line

Scrimmage Plays- Passes

- Coverage of passer-roughing
- Pass behind/beyond LOS
- Forward/backward pass, fumble
- Intentional grounding
- Ineligibles downfield
- Coverage of receivers
- DPI/OPI
- Illegal touching, Momentum plays
- Inside/Outside 7 yard line

Punts

- Positions
- Coverage of kicker-roughing
- Fakes
- Blocked/touched on/behind neutral zone
- Ball touched beyond neutral zone
- Fair catch/Fair catch interference
- Momentum into EZ/PSK Fouls
- Out of bounds/marketing spot/deep wings
- Runback coverage-ball carrier, other action

Field Goals/Try Attempts

- Positions-coverage of posts
- Coverage of kicker/holder- roughing
- Fakes, broken plays
- Blocked/touched on LOS
- Ball beyond neutral zone (coverage)
- Coverage if defense gains possession

End Of Period

- First/third
- Half/end of game

Time Outs

- Records/positions
- No huddles by crew (all have a job to do)

Measurements

- Handling ball
- Checking enforcement spot/distance

Fouls and Enforcement

- Reporting-who, what, where,when
- Enforcement, Altercations on field