



#### PERCEPTION IS REALITY

It is critical that crews recognize the importance of not displaying even the appearance of impropriety of partiality. You are being evaluated from the moment you walk onto the field for pregame warm ups and even the amount of time you spending talking with each head coach can create the impression that you favor one team over another. The pregame conference should be concise and business-like. Get the information you need while remaining cordial, and then move onto your next responsibility.

It is equally important that you carry that same demeanor at other time before and during the game as well. All discussions should be brief, professional and only in reference to the game at-hand. Avoid glad-handing, hugging or similar contact other than a handshake.

#### TIMEOUTS

Please review where on the field timeouts may take place and what activity is permitted. Timeouts come in two varieties: Team charged timeouts and official's timeouts. During a team charged timeout or an official's timeout for (1) a heat break, (2) media break, or (3) intermissions between periods or scores, the team may conference either inside or outside the 9-yard marks. During an official's timeout for a potentially injured player, the conference can only take place outside the 9-yard marks.

If outside the 9-yard marks, the timeout must be in front of the team box and can include any number of players and coaches. If inside the 9-yard marks, it may only include a single coach and no more than 11 players.

While electronic communication devices are prohibited to relay information to a player in the game, an exception is during an outside the 9-yard mark conference.

#### POSTSEASON REQUIREMENTS

The deadline for postseason requirements is **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**. This is the last opportunity you have to submit all your requirements in order to qualify. [Rules meetings](#) must be completed to even officiate regular season high school games and you must be [MIGS](#) to work any level of the tournament. While [tournament exams](#) are not required for first round assignments, those that completed them will receive preference for assignments. Please remember that without the submission of [regular season schedules](#), we cannot determine whether/where you have worked. Without the submission of your [postseason availability](#), we do not know what dates you can be assigned. Finally, without submission of your [primary and alternate positions](#), we don't know what crews you can join if needed and available.

#### POSTSEASON RECOMMENDATIONS

Assigners and Local Approved Associations were asked to submit recommendations for postseason consideration which include lists of officials in rank order. These lists are used to determine late round crew and individual assignments. When assigners or associations fail to submit recommendations by the deadline, it is at the detriment of the officials they represent.

Primary assigners and associations should submit recommendations separate and apart from one another. For instance, if an official is assigned by two different primary assigners and is also a member of an association, he/she could possibly receive up to three recommendations. In order for officials to know whether they're being represented adequately by their local leadership, I have included a list of primary assigners and associations that submitted recommendations by the required deadline ([9/15/21](#)) on the next page.

#### RULES REVIEW:

The last Rules Review asked your opinion on whether the offense was in an illegal formation, as seen [HERE](#). We believe the tackles in this formation are not where they should be, but this is not quite a foul. We would put them in the "warning zone". It should be communicated to the players the need to move up to the line of scrimmage or risk having a foul called against them. See the next page for an example.

This week's question is in regards to the action of a player in motion. [CLICK HERE](#) to view a rules video for this week, then [CLICK HERE](#) to give us your ruling of the play.

# 2021-22 Primary Assigners and Local Approved Associations that Submitted Football (11- and 8-Player Recommendations)

## Primary Assigners

Art Kurtze  
Bill Parker  
Bruce Moss  
Bryon Taylor  
Dave Latusek  
Eric Frohriep  
Jerry Haines  
Joel Barnes  
Bill Gomoluch  
Bob Czech  
Mike Evoy  
Brad Brunet  
Brian Bower  
Chuck Hulce  
Ed Phillipson  
Gary Wagenschutz  
Joe McCormick  
Ken Diamond  
Mark Maxson  
Phil Long  
Todd Gooding

## Local Approved Associations

All-Star Officials Association  
Eastern Michigan Officials Association  
Heart of Michigan Officials Association  
Northern Sports Officials Association  
Presque Isle County Officials Association  
Tri-City Area Officials Association  
Border Officials Association  
Capital Area Officials Association  
Detroit Officials Association  
Huron Valley Officials Association  
Kalamazoo Officials Association  
South Central Officials Association  
Southeastern Michigan Officials Association  
Southwest Michigan Officials Association  
Top O' Michigan Officials Association  
United Federation of Officials  
USA Officials Association  
VanKal Officials Association  
West Michigan Officials Association

## Example for use of the "Warning Zone"

Triangle Portion = Head and Torso

Rectangle Portion = Hips and Legs

