

Be The Referee

"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute podcasts designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features insights from MHSAA experts on officiating. These messages can be heard on This Week In High School Sports, which airs on over 100 radio stations and audio web outlets across Michigan.

Nov. 23, 2021 -- The use of instant replay in football varies at each level. But at the high school level in Michigan – replay is not used for any regular season or postseason games, except for the Football Finals at Ford Field.

Unlike the professional and college leagues however, the only plays that are reviewed are potential scoring plays and potential turnovers. On those plays, the officials in the replay booth will look at the various angles provided by the television broadcast and either confirm or overturn the play.

For each game at Ford Field, there are 3 replay officials in the booth – all with experience at higher levels. Over the years, replay has rarely been used, but it's always in an effort of getting the correct call made.