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Gentlemen:

As we approach the conclusion to the 2005 season remember that coaches and players are either disappointed in their teams performance or very pleased with their w/l records. Accordingly, their intensity is up a notch or two. Keep your professional attitudes and perform your usual duties regardless of coaches or players levels of concern. Remember you must keep yourself in control at all times and deal with issues in a calming manner.

Concerns and play situations:

1. All clocks are official at all games you work regardless if the clock operator is assigned by the ECAC or not. Meet with the clock operators before the game to discuss clock issues. Always correct clock errors when noticed. All are responsible for the correct timing of a game. If the clock malfunctions during a quarter and you feel that it must be shut down then keep it shut down for the entire quarter and keep the time on the field. There should be no 2 min. warning given at any of our games unless the clock is inoperable or you have shut down the clock for other reasons.

2. Do not penalize teams for not being inside the 9 yd. markers unless it is flagrant - move them in - talk to them - this does not include attempts to "hideout" a receiver.

3. Do not call lining up in the neutral zone on the defense late in a game unless it is flagrant.

4. Try to avoid 30 yd penalties. Live ball - dead ball on the same team. If possible make the dead ball UNS part of the live ball situation.

5. EJECTIONS: TRY TO AVOID EJECTING A PLAYER LATE IN THE GAME - IF POSSIBLE ESCORT THE PLAYER TO THE TEAM AREA AND INSTRUCT THE HEAD COACH TO TAKE THE PLAYER OUT OF THE GAME OR HE MAY BE EJECTED. COACHES WILL WORK WITH YOU ON THIS ISSUE.

6. Ball snapped inside the 5 yd. line HL and LJ should move to the goal line immediately. The umpire will take over LJ resp. for QB illegal forward pass.

7. Good job this past weekend on illegal sub. situations. Umpires are staying over the ball until B has an opportunity to make sub.

8. Watch for spearing on defenseless players - I have seen several flagrant late spears on film - no excuse for missing a spearing call in 6 or 7 man games.

PLAY SITUATIONS:

1. Team A slot back goes in motion away from LJ. His movement takes him toward the los. At the snap he is legally in motion however he is on the LOS covering the tight end. RULING: THIS IS ILLEGAL AND SHOULD BE PENALIZED AS A 5 YD. LIVE BALL FOUL. DISCUSS MECHANICS. HL AND LJ BOTH RESP. FOR THIS CALL.

2. Team A scrimmage kick 4/10 at A35 - kick is in the air and beyond the LOS when Team B player signals for a fair catch. The kick is muffed by Team B player and hits the ground. While the ball is on the turf the official blows an inadvertent whistle. Team B player picks up the ball runs 5 yds. and is tackled by a Team A player. Team A holds at the los prior to the scrimmage kick. RULING: Discuss



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Gentlemen:

EJECTIONS: IF YOU EJECT A PLAYER OR COACH YOU MUST CALL ME IMMEDIATELY!! A WRITTEN REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MY OFFICE ASAP. AN E-MAIL DETAILING THE INCIDENT SHOULD BE SENT TO ME BY MONDAY AT THE LATEST. IF MULTIPLE OFFICIALS WERE A PART OF THE EJECTION ALL SHOULD WRITE A REPORT NOT JUST THE REFEREE. REMEMBER TRY TO AVOID EJECTIONS IF POSSIBLE.

Remember that coaches sometimes make statements that are made in the heat of the game. Try not to take their comments personal. I have received several calls from coaches on Monday following a game who have made strong comments to officials and they have communicated their regrets for having made the negative comments. You must remain above those comments and not reply in a manner that will escalate the situation. A phone call to me that describes the comments will result in a communication to the AD if the comments are of a serious nature. This has happened twice this season and the AD'S were very cooperative with my criticisms of their coaching staffs behavior and have communicated their displeasure with their staffs conduct.

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Gentlemen:

Comments and play situations for this weeks pre-game are as follows:

1. We have had several inadvertent whistles in the last couple of weeks - see the ball before you blow your whistles - never officiate an entire play with the whistle in your mouth.
2. Referees - we need to protect QBs - close a bit quicker when the qb is sacked - do not stay back and watch the play end.
3. LATE GAME FLAGS - IF THE GAME HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED DO NOT THROW FLAGS THAT ARE AWAY FROM THE POINT OF ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE SAFETY FOULS. TOO MANY FLAGS ARE BEING THROWN LATE IN THE GAME WHEN THE OUTCOME IS ALREADY DECIDED.
4. Watch what you say to players - comments such as "that was a chep shot" "you got your butt kicked today so stop complaining" are not to be communicated to players. If you have a comment to make communicate it to the head coach.
5. When communicating with a player keep your hands off of him - do not pull, push or shove players to emphasize a point
7. LOS formation problems should be dealt with early in a game - get them up on the offensive line and you will head off formation problems later in the game.
8. Wingmen - watch for illegal substitutions and shut the game down if you observe a violation. Umpires stay over the ball if need be to allow the defense an opportunity to make changes when the offense substitutes. Go over in pre-game sub. responsibilities.

PLAY SITUATIONS:

1. TEAM A IN A NO HUDDLE OFFENSE HAS 12 MEN ON THE FIELD. PRIOR TO THE QB TAKING A POSITION NEAR THE CENTER TEAM A SUBSTITUTES 4 PLAYERS AND THEN PROCEEDS TO SNAP THE BALL LEGALLY WITH 11 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD. DISCUSS WHEN TO SHUT THIS DOWN OR LET GO. THIS IS A CREW CALL - ALL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER CALL.
2. SAME SITUATION AS NUMBER 1 HOWEVER TEAM B RUSHES 4 PLAYERS ONTO THE FIELD TO ADJUST TO TEAM A'S SUBSTITUTION. THE BALL IS SNAPPED WITH TEAM B HAVING MORE THAN 11 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY. DISCUSS MECHANICS.
3. TEAM A87 WHO IS LEGALLY ON THE END OF THE LOS GOES IN MOTION AND RECEIVES A HAND OFF FROM THE QB. IS THIS LEGAL? WHAT MUST A87 DO TO LEGALLY TAKE A HANDOFF?
4. TEAM A86 WHO IS LINED UP AS A SLOT BACK GOES IN MOTION. HIS MOTION TAKES HIM FORWARD PRIOR TO THE SNAP AND HE ENDS UP COVERING THE OPPOSITE END A88 WHO IS ON THE LOS. A86 DOES NOT STOP HIS MOTION AND IS NOT GOING FORWARD AT THE SNAP. DISCUSS.
5. TEAM A THROWS A LEGAL MIDDLE SCREEN TO A45 WHO GAINS 10YDS. DURING THE PASS PLAY GUARD A67 BLOCKS B77 BELOW THE KNEE FROM THE FRONT IN THE RECTANGULAR AREA 6 YDS BEHIND THE LOS. SAME PLAY HOWEVER THE BLOCK IS FROM BEHIND IN THE RECTANGULAR AREA. FOUL OR NO FOUL?

Keep up the good work! This past weekend went well with very few negative comments from coaches. Remember that playoff implications are tied to many or

our games so see what you call and call what you see. Have a great weekend!

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Gentlemen:

Comments from observers, coaches, and supervisor from last weekends games:

1. Crack back blocks are not being called consistently. Review during pre-game.
2. Continue to communicated with HEAD COACHES. They have made very positive comments about the improvement in this area.
3. Wingmen - do not stay on the sideline when the ball is snapped and the play moves away from you - there is no "barrier" that you cannot cross if warranted. Move into the field of play if necessary.
4. Remember to use reverse mechanics on a blocked kick, interception, or fumble recovery that is advanced by B.
5. Watch for cheap shots away from the ball - call it early and you will keep control of the game.

Play situations:

Discuss during your pre-game.

1. A QB drops back to pass and is between the tackles. Team B pressures QB and he throws the ball out of bounds with no Team A player in the area. The ball crosses the los. Discuss mechanics. Wingmen what is your job on this play?
2. Team A is attempting to throw a middle screen pass behind the los to A35. A35 is tackled by B75. Team A qb throws the ball to wideout A85 who is beyond the los and the pass is incomplete. Down and distance was 3rd and 12. Ruling? What should the umpire and wingmen be aware of when they read screen?
3. Team A qb drops back to pass and immediately throws the ball deep down the middle of the field and the ball is intercepted by Team B. During the run back B clips. After the ball is declared dead Team A commits a personal foul. Discuss.
4. Discuss mechnaics when there is a possible defensive hold when the pass is not intended for the receiver that is held. Possible hesitation by wings and deep men before throwing the flag.

Note:

Know the game situation at all times - score, time remaining on the clock, remaining timeouts for each team - and adjust your common sense officiating techniques to the game situations. To many flags are being thrown in games that have already been decided. Always call safety fouls however attempt to officiate with your "presence" when possible.

Have another great weekednd. Games this weekend have significant playoff implications. Slow whistles, slow whistles, see the ball!!!!

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Gentlemen:

Due to the extreme weather that we are experiencing up and down the east coast the following clarification for approving game balls may be instituted by all referees for games this weekend.

The rule as it reads concerning game balls allows for not more than 6 footballs to be approved for use during NCAA games. Due to the rainy weather that is forecast to continue through the weekend it is my decision to allow referees to approve more than 6 balls, if requested, by teams that are assigned by the ECAC this weekend. Both coaches should be notified of this decision and allowed to provide you with the extra balls if they so desire. The rule book does provide for discretionary decisions by referees concerning game ball conditions.

Any questions on how to handle this situation - call me 978 549-5325.

Have a great weekend and try to stay dry!!

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Gentlemen:

Comments and play situations for the coming week. Please review with crew.

1. When communicating with sidelines try to talk to the head coach first. Many head coaches have instructed their assistants not to talk to officials and would prefer to be the only one who has communication with on field officials.
2. With all the wet weather we have had it is next to impossible to have a dry ball on every play. Coaches have appreciated your efforts attempting to do this especially late in games.
3. Review overtime procedures at half time. It is taking to long to get the overtime period started. A brief gathering of officials and then a conference with each head coach is required.
4. DPI should be called if a defensive player is not playing the ball and contacts an eligible Team A player on a catchable pass. Remember when in doubt it is catchable.
5. Do not call DPI if feet are tangled and both go down. I know this looks like DPI to most coaches however it is a good no call.
6. Continue to protect the QB - much of the film I watched this week involved late hits or other action against the QB.
7. Downfield men - if you read run do not continue to back pedal - remain stationary or come up to observe action in front of the runner.
8. I have observed many of you "talking too" players to avoid penalty situations. Keep up the good work in this area.
9. Referees and umpires - when there is an obvious penalty enforcement do not seek out captians - enforce the penalty.
10. Excellent coverage has been observed during on side kicks -- hold whistles and take your time determining who has the ball - also someone has to know clock status.

PLAY SITUATIONS:

Team A free kick is caught by the kicking team in the air at Team B 45 yard line. There is no contact with a Team B player however there is a Team B player in position to catch the kick. Ruling? How do we cover this when we are not in an onside kick formation?

More play situations to follow.
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Play Situations:

Team A lines up in a scrimmage kick formation with A32 and A34 in the backfield lined up off the line and directly behind A65 and A66 who are on the line as guards. Prior to the snap and prior to being in a 3 pt. stance A65 and A66 step back off the line and A32 and A34 step up onto the line to take their place. There is no reaction by Team B. Is this legal? Team B does not react - is this a factor in our call? Discuss the exceptions to the numbering rule on scrimmage kicks. Team A does not simulate the start of a play.

Team A QB requests a timeout late in the game with the clock running. Officials stop the clock to grant Team A a timeout. Team A has no timeouts remaining. Discuss.

Team B34 holds eligible Team A pass receiver while the ball is in the air. The ball is uncatchable. Discuss. Should we call holding or DPI or is it a no call?

Free kick is possessed by R on the 2 yd. line and his momentum drives him into the endzone. During the free kick team R holds at the B 5 yard line. Discuss momentum rule.

With the clock running late in a tie game A QB commits grounding. Discuss clock issues that may arise due to this grounding.

Have another successful week. Remember, the game that you are working is the biggest, most important game in the country to the players, fans, and coaches that are participating at your location.

Try and stay dry!!!

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Subject : Weekly notes

Gentlemen:

Please review the following during your pre-game.

Comments from Coaches, Observors and Supervisor are as follows:

1. Excellent pre-game conferences - last week I observed a very good pre-game with all participating and then watched the crew work a good game - a good pre-game sets a very positive tone.
2. Coaches report that sideline communications have improved - remember to give the head coach the number of the player committing the foul.
3. Watch for crackbacks, clips and blocking below the waist - see the entire play - do not guess - make the call be a "cadillac call."
4. Good job protecting the qb - watch the qb when he goes into the team areas - someone should go into the area and escort the qb back on to the field of play.
5. Clock operators are reminded that the following is my policy regarding clocks: YOUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS THE CLOCK. YOUR SECONDARY RESPONSIBILITY IS THE DOWN AND DISTANCE. DO NOT COMMUNICATE TO THE AD THAT YOU WILL NOT DO THE DOWN AND DISTANCE. THIS IS CONFRONTATIONAL AND UNACCEPTABLE. CALL ME IF YOU CANNOT ACCEPT THIS POLICY AND WE WILL ADJUST YOUR SCHEDULE.
6. We have had several ejections in the past few weeks - talk to players and coaches about the possibility of ejection - most coaches will work with you on this to avoid an ejection. 15 yd penalties are usually all that is needed. Ejecting a player or coach is a last resort and should be done rarely.
7. DPI and Defensive holding - discuss the possibilities - if the ball is in the air and catchable the call should be DPI not def. holding.
8. Continue to call illegal formations early or talk to players early on in the game about 7 men on the line and motion situations.
9. Know the game situation and do not call minor infractions late in the game unless they "jump" out at you.

Keep up the good work. I have seen many games that have been well officiated and observors have praised your work in all areas.
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Gentlemen:

Please discuss the following play situations during your pre-game.

1. A87 lines up on the LOS and covered by A88. Prior to the snap A87 who is not in a 3 or 4 pt. stance takes two steps back and becomes a stationary slot back. There is no reaction by Team B. Do we have a false start?
2. A QB throws an illegal forward pass beyond the LOS. A87 is interfered with on the play. Discuss enforcement and mechanics.
3. 4/3 at B 40. A32 gains 4 yds and fumbles the ball. Team B recovers the ball at the B35. During the loose ball the LJ inadvertently blows his whistle.
4. Team B linebacker threatens Team A lineman with a possible blitz move. Team A lineman in a 3 pt. stance moves to protect himself from the Team B blitzer. Discuss possibilities.
5. Team A in a hurry up offense at the end of the game has 12 men on the field as they approach the ball. The 12th man leaves the field and the ball is legally snapped. Discuss the definition of a huddle and how this should be handled.
6. A dead ball or live ball personal foul is committed by Team A with the game tied and no time remains on the game clock. Discuss overtime situations.

Have a great weekend - call me on my cell if you have problems. 978 549-5325.

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Subject : Weekly notes

Gentlemen:

Please review the following notes during your pre-game conferences:

1. There have been several changes made on Oct. 1st log on to make sure that you have not been switched to a different game. Schools are concerned about travel hence I have moved several people to accomodate the school.
2. Update your availability - if you do not indicate that a date is closed then I assume you are available for assignment.
3. We had a couple of inadvertent whistles this past weeken - concentrate and see the ball.
4. Several enforcements were completed incorrectly - all members of a crew are responsible for correct enforcements - if you know that the enforcement is incorrect the you are responsible as a crew member to offer your opinion.
5. Watch for clips when a running play is away from your original position - HL and LJ protect your R and U with good awareness of action behind them.
6. Good job on dead ball officiating this past weekend - keep officiating even after the ball is dead.
7. R's watch the qb even if he is tackled and the ball is moving away from you. Do not look over your shoulder to see if he is being roughed.
8. Call illegal formations early - if you let it go early let it go late.
9. We have had some games with as many as 20 penalties - make the calls be there. Do not call marginal penalties. We had one game with 5 DPI's against one team.
10. Review momentum on kicks - if K gets possession at R's 2yd line and continues into the endzone the ball is dead at the 2yd. line.

Keep up the good work!

Part 2 of the notes will be sent later.

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Gentlemen:

Clock operators when assigned by the ECAC have been doing a very good job. We are having trouble with clock operators who are not assigned by us. Do everything possible to talk to both clock operators before the game or during half time if necessary. They can make you look very good or very bad. Reminder: ALL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRECT CLOCK OPERATIONS. WHEN THE BALL IS DEAD SOMEONE HAS TO LOOK UP AT THE CLOCK TO MAKE SURE IT IS OPERATING CORRECTLY. In the games that I have observed we have missed several clock errors. This should not happen. We are doing an excellent job of correcting clocks when we discover errors.

Play situation:

Team A's ball 4-3 at B 35. Team A rushes 3 men onto the field with less than 10 seconds remaining on the play clock. Team B reacts and substitutes 3 players. The ball is snapped with B having 12 men on the field of play. Team A makes the line to gain. How would you handle this situation? Discuss.

Ball is ready for play when team B player removes his helmet. He is not doing this in an unsportsmanlike manner. How do we handle this situation. Discuss.

Team B intercepts a pass with the score tied in overtime. He runs for a game ending TD however during the interception run he taunts team A. What is the rule? Should we call this penalty.

R's thanks for your communications this past weekend and week. Rember if you are not sure whether to call me or not - call me!! If you have an ejection or a flag on a coach a call is required.

Thanks for all you do!!

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Subject : Weekly Notes

Gentlemen:

We had another good week however there are some issues that need to be addressed.

1. Update your information on the website - to many e-mails are being returned with sender unknown. Please communicate this to your crew members who are not receiving e-mails.
2. After much discussion with other supervisors the following will be in effect for the remainder of the season - We will NOT throw a flag for a sideline warning - the referee will give the appropriate signal and the calling official should notify the HEAD COACH of his sideline warning.
3. You must use all of your communicative skills when dealing with coaches who are angry or feel that they are not being treated properly. FLAGGING A COACH FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT SHOULD BE A LAST RESORT. IF YOU DO FLAG A COACH YOU MUST INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GAME. DO NOT LET ME BE INFORMED BY THE COACH WHO IS FLAGGED.
4. Call DPI if there is contact on a catchable forward pass when there is contact with the ball in the air. Do not call defensive holding unless the holding occurs before the ball is thrown.
5. Review overtime procedures during your pre-game conferences.
6. Coaches are complaining about "cheap shots" away from the ball. Be good dead ball officials.
7. Pick plays usually occur at or near the goal line - Review in pre-game. After looking at game tapes it seems like we missed a couple of these in the past weeks.

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CLOCK OPERATORS - We have received many calls from concerned AD'S concerning the responsibilities of the clock operators while at their games. CLOCK OPERATORS ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURATE STARTING AND STOPPING OF THE GAME CLOCK. IN ADDITION THEY ARE TO OPERATE THE DOWN AND DISTANCE FUNCTIONS OF THE GAME CLOCK. IF ANY CLOCK OPERATOR HAS A PROBLEM DOING THAT HE SHOULD CALL ME AND WE CAN DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

REFEREES - You should meet with all clock operators prior to the game - take extra time to discuss mechanics if the operators are non ECAC assigned. PLEASE BE PATIENT AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID SHUTTING DOWN THE PLAY CLOCKS.

Coaches are concerned that illegal formations are being missed. HL and LJ talk to offensive linemen early and have them move up to the line of scrimmage.

Coaches have praised the overall professionalism of our staff in dealing with them before, during, and after the game. Please keep up the positive communications with head coaches and athletic directors.

I expect that this e-mail be a part of your pre-game and also expect that a copy of this communication be available for all who do not receive it via electronic mail.

Have a great week!

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Gentlemen:

Comments from coaches, observers, and supervisor -- Week 2 games 9/10.

1. Go on line to confirm assignments asap. If you have to turn back an assignment do not assume that a phone call will suffice - e-mail and go on line to turn back game.
2. Referees - continue to call all members of your crew to make sure that all are on the same page for the weekend. Also check time and location of game. Any problems call me immediately.
3. Slow whistles, slow whistles - do not blow the whistle if you do not see the ball. We should not have these at this level.
4. Continue to communicate with coaches - they appreciate it.
5. If you have an observer please listen to what he has to say and incorporate his comments into your next game.
6. Pre-game - very necessary and important - one observer went into a locker room for a 1:00 game and the pre-game conference was over at 10:30. Make sure that you are thorough.
7. Think goal line at all times - we got beat to the goal line on several plays this past weekend.
8. If you have an ejection call me immediately!!
9. Thanks to all of you who have given of your time to do scrimmages - it will not be forgotten.
10. HL hold los on scrimmage kicks - we had a game where there were 3 blocked kicks and the H was able to help out.
11. Need clock operators in all areas that we serve - if you are open and willing to help out on the clock call me or e-mail me asap.
12. Need 3 officials at Maritime College in the Bronx on Sat. 9/17 at 2:00 p.m. - game scrimmage.

Keep up the good work - all seems good to this point in the season.



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Gentlemen:

Please discuss the following during your pre-game preparations.

1. Mechanics: 6 and 7 man games. The F and S have goal line responsibility when the ball is snapped outside the 5 yd. line - inside the 5 H and L have the GL.
2. Man in motion towards H or L become an additional initial key for those positions. If the man in motion was the BJ's then he should switch to another key - remember go zone almost immediately after the snap.
3. H and L should hold the LOS until ball crosses the LOS on scrimmage kicks - slightly different than A-10 mechanic.
4. Meet with ECO's prior to the game - especially if they are not assigned by this office.
5. Start the game and the second half on time. Review mechanics for capt. and teams to be brought onto the field.
6. When ball carrier is tackled wind only if he is near the sideline - do not wind if he is at the numbers.
7. Wingmen - start on the sideline at the snap - don't reamin there for the entire down.
8. When penalty options are obvious do not consult with offended team captains - enforce it.
9. When the game ends the entire crew should exit the field immediately.

PLAY SITUATIONS:

1. A's ball 3-10 at A35. A4 runs to A38 - A62 holds at A34. A81 commits dead ball personal foul.
2. A 1-10 at B25. A QB is roughed by B72 at B30. A runs to the B2 where he fumbles the ball out of B endzone.

Have a great week - Referees call me at 978 549-5325 if you have a significant problem.

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Gentlemen:

The 2005 football season is upon us with a full slate of games this weekend. A few comments from me that should be relevant to your games:

1. Referees - please use the chronological game reports that were used last season to give to the coaches after the game - I have ordered more forms and will send them to your board secretaries next week so that you should have them for Week 2. File your game reports on line if possible - if not send me a hard copy via fax or mail.
2. Referees - check your final game notices and call all members of your crew to insure that all are on the same page concerning arrival time at the game site.
3. Remember that we are using the A-10 manual for 7 man crews and the 6 man manual that is published by Referee magazine. Any deviation from those manuals should be first cleared by my office. At this time the only changes to procedure are those that were communicated to you by Dennis Redding last season.
4. Communication, communication, communication!!
Coaches and players are anxious to begin the season and may have several concerns. Address those concerns prior and during the game with your usual professional demeanor.
5. If you have a SERIOUS problem in your game the referee should call me immediately. All other problems should be communicated no later than Mon. of the following week. I would like to be prepared if a coach or AD calls on Monday
6. Turnbacks are a problem for an assignor. I realize that some of you blocked out dates prior to the season - that is understandable and I tried to avoid those dates when feasible. However, last minute turnbacks should be, for the most part, of an emergency nature. Please keep that in mind when deciding to give back a game.
7. Thanks for all your help in the pre-season! Many schools requested last minute officials for their scrimmages and I appreciate your cooperation in covering these scrimmages.
8. Hustle, be in good position to make a call, make the call jump out at you, communicate with your sideline, be professional, work as a crew and see what you call and call what you see. Remember it is easier to defend a marginal no call than to defend an incorrect call.

Have a great season - always remember that the game that you are officiating this weekend is the biggest most important game in the country to the players, coaches, and fans at that school. Have fun and enjoy the experience!!!!

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Subject : 2005 Football

Gentlemen:

The 2005 football season will be here soon and we need to take care of some administrative business before the season begins. Included in this informational e-mail are dates that should be noted and adhered to in a timely manner.

First, let me thank all of you who have sent me congratulatory e-mails or called with positive comments concerning my appointment to this position. It is greatly appreciated and I will endeavor to live up to your expectations.

The following are important dates and comments:

1. The 2005 ECAC fees were due on May 15th -- \$70 for on field officials and \$40 for clock operators. Please take care of this fee asap.
2. Go on line and let me know your availability for the 2005 season. If you do not block out a date then I will assume that you can work that date. Think carefully before you fill out this form - last year there were 96 turnbacks after schedules went out. That is unacceptable and will be corrected this year.
3. The ECAC physical form is available on line and due into the office by July 15th. If you have sent me a doctors note that will suffice.
4. I will be attending the EAIFO directors meeting on May 20th. At that meeting the interpretation dates will be finalized. ALL OFFICIALS WHO PLAN ON WORKING FOR THE ECAC MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE MEETINGS - NON ATTENDANCE MEANS NO SCHEDULE.

Comments and observations:

--Rule changes should be finalized soon and I will be communicating them to you in the near future. Study groups should be in progress or in the planning stages at this time.

--Your physical conditioning program should be in place at this time. Being in reasonable shape is a must for all officials. Grossly over weight individuals will not be assigned games.

--After much thought and conversations with officials I have decided to use crews for the upcoming season. We will discuss this further at your interpretation meetings.

--Please communicate with me via e-mail or call me at the ECAC office or on my cell phone. Do not call me at home unless absolutely necessary.

-- I will begin the assigning process sometime in June and plan on having it completed before the end of the month.

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Feel free to call me with any questions or comments that you may have concerning football officiating.

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