

OBSERVATION - EXPLANATION OF TERMS

PREGAME MEETING- IS THE OFFICIAL READY FOR GAME?- (i.e.SHOES READY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL). DOES HE PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION? IS HE FOCUSED ON THE TASK AT HAND?

APPEARANCE - IS UNIFORM CLEAN, WHITE AND NOT WRINKLED? DOES THE OFFICIAL HAVE A NEAT APPEARANCE?

DOES THE OFFICIAL HAVE A BUSINESSLIKE ATTITUDE WHEN ON FIELD? DOES THE OFFICIAL DISPLAY CONFIDENCE? DOES HE DISPLAY COURAGE TO MAKE THE TOUGH CALL? DOES HE DISPLAY TIMIDITY? DOES HE HESITATE WHEN MAKING CALLS? DOES HE MOVE QUICKLY FROM ONE POSITION TO THE NEXT? IS HE IN THE RIGHT POSITION TO MAKE THE CALL? DOES THE OFFICIAL THROW HIS FLAG WITH MALICE OR A SENSE OF ANGER? DOES CREW WORK TOGETHER TO GIVE APPEARANCE OF COMPETENCE? (i.e. Is foul information given quickly, concisely and accurately to R and does R relay foul information in preliminary signals and on PA system in same manner?)

BASIC POSITIONING - IS THE OFFICIAL IN THE CORRECT POSITION PRIOR TO, AT THE SNAP AND DURING THE PLAY? DOES HE READ AND REACT TO THE PLAY PROPERLY USING HIS KEYS?

MECHANICS/CLOCK MANAGEMENT - DOES THE OFFICIAL USE ONLY APPROVED SIGNALS CORRECTLY? DOES HE ALWAYS KNOW THE STATUS OF THE CLOCK, THE DOWN AND LINE TO GAIN? DOES HE WATCH THE BALL AND NOT HIS ASSIGNED AREA? DOES HE BLOW HIS WHISTLE APPROPRIATELY? (i.e. When the play ends in his area and he is in position to make the call.) IS HIS BEAN BAG USAGE CORRECT? DOES HE KNOW THE STATUS OF THE BALL (i.e. Clock starts on snap or on ready.) IS THE BALL REPLACED AT THE PROPER POSITION AFTER AN INCOMPLETE PASS? DOES HE COUNT PLAYERS? DOES THE REFEREE MAINTAIN CONSISTENT TIMING WHEN PLACING THE BALL IN PLAY.

JUDGEMENT - DOES THE OFFICIAL HAVE FOOTBALL SENSE OR DOES HE APPLY THE RULES IN A TECHNICAL MANNER? DOES HE UNDERSTAND NOT ONLY THE LETTER OF THE RULE, BUT ALSO THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE RULES AND ADMINISTER THEM CONSISTENTLY AND FAIRLY? IF THE OFFICIAL DOES NOT CALL A SPECIFIC FOUL IN THE FIRST QUARTER IS HE CONSISTENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER? IS PREVENTIVE OFFICIATING USED?

REACTING UNDER PRESSURE - IS THE OFFICIAL ABLE TO CONTROL HIS TEMPER UNDER ADVERSE SITUATIONS? IS HE COURTEOUS AND CONSIDERATE YET FIRM AND DECISIVE? DOES HE SHOW POISE? DOES HE CONTINUE TO OFFICIATE PROPERLY WHEN THINGS GET HEATED?

DECISIVENESS - DOES THE OFFICIAL MAKE DECISIONS QUICKLY AND IN A FIRM BUT FRIENDLY MANNER?

COOPERATING WITH CREW - DOES THE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATE, VOCALLY, PRIOR TO SNAP, DURING TIME OUTS, AND USE PROPER SIGNALS TO FELLOW OFFICIALS? DOES UMPIRE GET SPOTS FROM PROPER WING OFFICIALS AND DOES HE USE THEM? DOES LJ ASSIST R ON CLOSE FIRST DOWNS WITH DISCREET SIGNAL WHEN L HAS THE SPOT? ARE ALL AWARE OF GAMECLOCK AND 25 SECOND CLOCK NEAR END OF QUARTER AND COMMUNICATE SAME? DOES OFF OFFICIAL "CLEAN UP" BEHIND THE PLAY? DO ON FIELD OFFICIALS COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH CHAIN GANG, CLOCK OPERATORS AND BALL PERSONS? DOES THE REFEREE GET CONCISE AND ACCURATE FOUL INFORMATION?

EVALUATION OF FOOTBALL OFFICIALS BY OBSERVERS

OFFICIAL RATED _____ Position _____
DATE _____ HOME TEAM _____
OBSERVER: _____ VISITING TEAM _____

COMMENTS:

PREGAME MEETING:

APPEARANCE (UNIFORM):

BASIC POSITIONING:

MECHANICS/CLOCK MANAGEMENT:

JUDGEMENT:

REACTING UNDER PRESSURE:

DECISIVENESS:

COOPERATING WITH CREW:
