

GAME MANAGEMENT

Game Administration:

- Game Officials in most cases will contact the host school AD prior to game day with questions as to official parking information and who will meet them upon their arrival and show them to their dressing area
- Home administration should inform the officiating crew where they will be located prior to the game along with the procedures that the school will use to ensure the game officials receive the proper security to and from the field. It is the home school's responsibility to ensure the locker room is properly secured and only game administration has access to this room
- At halftime and at the conclusion of each game, Game Officials should immediately have their locker room opened by the AD or someone appointed to do so
- Each school should have in place procedures that would minimize problems relative to the administration of a game
- The home team game administration is responsible for making sure that the sideline (outside of the team box) is properly secured and only authorized personnel have access to the sideline
- Only authorized personnel are to be on the sidelines of the playing field. That includes only team members, coaching staff, medical personnel, statisticians, and the press are allowed on the sidelines. All others are required to be in the stands. Authorized personnel that have a sideline pass must be restricted to being no closer than (15-20) yards from the sidelines
- Game officials have control over team box and coaches' area, but Game Officials may request that home school administration take care of problems outside of the team box area

Chain Crew and Down Box

The following is the standard criteria for Chain Crew and Down Box Operator

- An experienced Chain Crew and Down Box Operator is a critical foundation to the football game, adults are preferred. Students are acceptable. Both adults and students must remain totally neutral throughout the entire game
- Arrival time: Chain Crew and Down Box operator must be ready to receive instructions from the Linesman at least 15-20 minutes prior to the start of the game
- Keep the chains a minimum 2 yards off the sideline
- They must know and realize that they are an extension of the Officiating Crew

Medical Personnel

The Home team is to provide authorized Medical Personnel, i.e. Doctor, Nurse, Paramedic, EMT, or Certified Athletic Trainer (each Home Team is to follow their League's authorized medical personnel requirements). The schools Medical Personnel must be at the game site during the entire game or the game officials will not start or continue the contest.

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Announcers

Announcers should be reminded by the game administration of the following

1. Exemplify good sportsmanship (use good taste)
2. Inform only instead of doing a “play-by-play
3. Respect everyone involved in the game, including players and coaches from both teams and the game officials

Clock Operators

The clock operator should be ready to start the game clock at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest. The officials will meet with the clock operator and cover the following

1. Accuracy
2. Fairness
3. Know that they are part of the Officiating Crew
4. Respect all who are involved with the game

The Field and Markings

✓ Please refer page 12, rule 1-2-1 in the 2014 NFHS Rule Book

- **Rule 1-2-3d:** A 4-inch wide broken restraining line shall be placed around the outside of the field, at least 2 yards from the sidelines and end lines, as an extension of the line limiting the team box area, except in stadiums where the total playing enclosure does not permit
NOTE: Game administration may place 4-inch wide and 12-inch long bisecting marks along the restraining line at each 5-yard line between the goal lines
- **Rule 1-2-3k:** A line, 4-inches wide and a minimum of 24 inches in length, shall be centered in the field of play, three yards from each goal line
 1. Proper field markings (include limit lines and 9-yard marks)
 2. Respect all who are involved with the game
- The playing field must be safe for players, coaches and game officials. Holes must be filled and the field must be properly marked. Other areas surrounding the playing field i.e. track-pole vault pits, shot put rings and other areas must be securely covered with thick padding to protect the players, coaches and game officials
 - a. If for any reason the Game Officials deem the playing field is un-safe for players, coaches and or themselves, or for other reasons not previously mentioned, they have the authority to delay or stop the game until such action can be taken care of by the home team game administration to correct the problem