CSOA Spring Clinic POE 2014

2013 Rule Change Review

- **Second Caution = red card ejection**
  - **Mechanic – show yellow/show red**
  - **No substitution**
  - **Report as red card ejection – one game suspension**
- **Taking of penalty kick**
  - **Temporary suspension of play prior to kick, prior to being played by another player; hitting crossbar or goal post – kick will be retaken**

2014 Rule Changes

- **Injury Dead Ball – coaches may coach team**
- **Substitutes – must be beckoned on field during run of game**
- **Tape on socks – must be same as sock color**
- **Electronic communication devices – can be used in bench area but not on field of play**
- **Unsuccessful DOGSO (goal) – <u>unsporting</u> behavior (yellow card)**
- **Successful DOGSO (no goal) – SFP disqualification (red card)**
- **Free kick – ball <u>must move</u> vice tap or touch**

2014 NFHS Points of Emphasis

- **Concussion Management**
  - **Schools are required to have a concussion management policy**
  - **NFHS guideline – No player should return to play on the same day of a concussion**
  - **Northern/Northwestern Regions similar policies**
    - **Baseline screening for all athletes**
    - **Trainer on site at all games to evaluate players**
    - **Trainer makes call on player ability to continue**

Players suspected of exhibiting concussion symptoms must be evaluated by the trainer and cleared to return. Trainer will notify either the referee or the AR that the player is cleared

2014 NFHS Points of Emphasis

- **Goal Keeper injury – official may stop clock – if coach or trainer not beckoned on field – GK may stay (note – player safety paramount)**
- **Excessive player substitutions – time wasting - stop clock; warn offending team; unsporting**
- **Uniforms – Home white shirts/socks – tape used as adornment on socks must be same color; visitor uniforms must be dark/contrasting color – socks must match shirt color**
- **Penalty kick – no stutter step – continuous motion forward**

2014 CSOA Points of Emphasis

- **Substitutions**
  - **Unlimited – between periods**
  - **Either team may substitute an unlimited number provided they have checked in – goal is scored; goal kick; caution; disqualification; and dealing with a communicable disease (i.e. BLOOD) issue.**
  - **Throw-in/corner kick – Team in possession may have unlimited subs, provided they have checked in**
    - **Team not in possession may substitute provided the team in possession substitutes**
  - **Referee must beckon the substitutes onto the field**

2014 CSOA Points of Emphasis

- **Illegal vs Improper Equipment**
  - **Illegal**
    - **Player must be removed from field**
    - **No substitute at time of removal**
    - **Player/substitute may enter next opportunity for his/her team to substitute**
    - **Cautionable Offense (coach/player)**
  - **Improper**
    - **Player leaves field**
    - **No substitute at time of removal**
    - **Player/substitute at next stoppage**

2014 CSOA Points of Emphasis

- **Equipment**
  - **Shin Guards**
    - **NOCSAE logo (check w/coach)**
    - **2 inch from ankle mandatory**
  - **Ankle Braces**
    - **Can be worn outside the stocking**
    - **Dangerous parts (e.g. laces – tape)**
  - **Face Masks - Doctor's permission slip**
  - **Casts/guards on arms, wrists, hand, etc**
    - **Must be padded**
    - **Doctor's permission slip (No longer required)**
  - **Artificial Limbs – must be padded**

2014 CSOA Points of Emphasis

- **Game Time**
  - **Northern Region (Fairfax) has voted to keep the official time on the field (referee)**
    - **Insure everyone knows this prior to game**
    - **Run scoreboard as point of reference**
    - **Suggest run scoreboard down to zero**
  - **Northwestern Region (PW, Stafford, Fauquier)**
    - **Individual School will make determination**
    - **Insure everyone knows this prior to game**
    - **If referee keeps time suggest run clock to zero**

Note – ALL regular season Varsity games MUST play two five minute overtimes to determine a winner (VHSL); Minimum of 2 ball chasers for varsity games

2014 CSOA Points of Emphasis

- **Bench Misconduct**
  - **Coach is responsible for bench**
  - **Cards should be issued to the individual on the bench who commits the misconduct**
  - **Please warn Head coach before you issue any cards – if possible**
  - **If you cannot pinpoint the individual then you issue the card to the head coach**
  - **If you have problems with a trainer please get the game administrator**
- **Warm-up Pennies – Recommended that players warming up off the bench wear pennies**

Note – Restart is at the location of the ball when the game was stopped to deal with the misconduct

Controlling the Match

- **Control vs. Chaos "let them play"**
  - **Fine line between control and chaos**
  - **Factors impacting match control**
    - **"History" between schools**
    - **Date of game in season/team records**
    - **Size of pitch**
  - **Be consistent from outset**
    - **Call fouls for control/prevent retaliation**
    - **Easier to loosen the reins than bring them back in**
    - **Use coaches and captains to assist in player control**
    - **ARs assist Referee with off-the-ball or behind the back fouls/misconduct**
    - **Critical foul areas – benches, keepers, sliding tackles, high boots, grabbing/holding**
    - **Use cards to cause changes in behavior**
    - **Deal with problems before they become a major issue**
    - **Catch more flies with honey than with vinegar**
  - **Have a plan if a fight occurs**
    - **Keep players on bench**
    - **Get numbers**
    - **Get coaches/administrator involved**
    - **Do not get in the middle of an altercation – observe and record**

You are a facilitator not the center of attention!

Coaches Feedback 2013

- **Proper Communication with Coaches and Players.**
- **AR's need make sure they support Center with support from behind play.**
- **AR's need to make sure they are getting to goal line on play.**
- **Be consistent throughout the match**
- **Play from behind needs to be addressed.**
- **There is never an advantage coming out of the defensive 1/3.**
- **Substitution process needs to be addressed prior to matches since everyone has different preferences. (would like to see same process).**
- **Game Management must improve the middle.**
- **Coaches want to see more open communication from Association to improve quality of the HS game.**
- **Coaches want a Rating System to determine officials for Postseason.**

Recovering from a Bad Call

- **Premise - Referees are constantly under intense scrutiny and required to make hundreds of split-second decisions in a match**
- **BLUF – Once and a while you "kick" one**
- **Remedy**
  - **Fix It – Rules allow fix (prior to restart dead ball); admit it**
  - **Spin It – Reorient your focus; better mechanics/positioning**
  - **Forget It – Dwelling during match will cause loss of focus**
  - **Confront It – Talk to other officials; tape; understand what happened**
  - **Prevent It – Review rules; active training to improve mechanics/positioning**
  - **Get Perspective on It – One call does not lose game**

Kicking a call makes you like every other official – How you respond to the mistake sets you apart!

When is Enough - Enough
Drawing the line on dissent

- **Best way to answer criticism may be not to answer at all!**
- **Be prepared but not predisposed**
  - **What is the impact of the dissent on the pitch?**
  - **What is impact on the other team/coach?**
  - **What is the impact on the fans?**
- **Keep your cool – don't be confrontational**
  - **Demonstrate poise and maintain your dignity**
  - **Give them an opportunity to change behavior**
    - **Captains/coach**
    - **Verbal warning/caution**

Let the dissenter determine their ultimate fate!

2014 CSOA Points of Emphasis

- **Game Reporting**
  - **Game reports www.csoaref.org**
  - **Need reports within 12 hours**
  - **Incidents with administrators, coaches, fans, serious injuries, or fights email stenner@centurylink.net (703-966-0457)**

Please note that I try and deal with any issues for the schools from the previous night first thing in the AM (0530), so I would appreciate getting reports ASAP so we can take care of business.