



Dual Officiating System often called “2-Man System”

NFHS Rule Book 2019-2020 Pages 84 thru 90

Spring 2020 VHSL High School Season



CSOA Reasons

CSOA uses 2-Man officiating for JV matches and on the very rare occasion when an official is late or missing on a varsity game

- ▶ Contractual basis
- ▶ Primary reason is “availability” for a 5 or 5:30pm game
- ▶ Overall costs to the school
- ▶ Lower level of player skills to be managed/controlled
- ▶ CSOA uses JV officials as the AR’s for the Varsity game
 - ▶ Again availability and travel considerations
 - ▶ Significant compensation for these officials (\$120.15 @)
- ▶ As a fairness issue everyone is expected to accept a fair share of assignments as JV officials/Varsity AR’s
- ▶ Assignments are carefully made on several factors:
 - ▶ Male vs female
 - ▶ Team’s demonstrated skill levels
 - ▶ Referee’s fitness and assessed skill level



CSOA Expectations

- ▶ CSOA assigns these games w/Arbiter
 - ▶ Referee in Arbiter = Head Referee (Rules Book)
 - ▶ AR1 in Arbiter = Referee (Rules Book)
- ▶ Referee in Arbiter is responsible for closing out Arbiter and filing the Game Report and ejection report
- ▶ By the book, the Head Referee is to make decisions on points not specifically covered in the Rules or POE
- ▶ By the book, the Head Referee is the final authority on any Rules interpretation necessary during the course of the game



CSOA Expectations (Cont)

- ▶ By the book, the Head Referee and the Referee have equal responsibility and authority in calling fouls thus the judgement or decision by either cannot be questioned or set aside by the other
- ▶ CSOA expects that any such conflict be resolved by a private, quiet conference between each other
- ▶ CSOA expects the two officials to effectively referee the game, manage the players/coaches, keep the game safe and fair
- ▶ CSOA expectation is that the two officials will work harder and with greater coordination to achieve this outcome



Key Considerations

- ▶ Detailed Pregame - What Danielle said earlier
- ▶ Clear understanding of Lead and Trail referee responsibilities
 - ▶ Need to know this, can't be learned when you show up for the game
 - ▶ Who owns the whistle and when to use it
 - ▶ Who owns the clock and why
 - ▶ Who owns substitutions
 - ▶ When do the roles change/switch
- ▶ Must know where to position as the lead and the trail
 - ▶ Kickoff, Free Kicks, Corner/Goal/Penalty, Throw-in
 - ▶ Dynamic run of play



How to Make it Work

- ▶ Current Philosophy - “Be Where You Need to Be” - especially important with two-man system
- ▶ Frame the play
 - ▶ Get or create the angle(s) necessary to see the fouls & misconduct
- ▶ Be in the proximity of play
 - ▶ Use speed and intelligent positioning to get there
 - ▶ Anticipate and read play
 - ▶ Employ Proactive refereeing
- ▶ Make the calls that need to be made - If you see it, own it
 - ▶ Overcome infringement issues
- ▶ Communication and Eye contact are critical



Conclusion/Takeaways

- ▶ Know how long the JV game will be (covered in Dena's Brief)
- ▶ The clock is a running clock, discuss with coaches how to resolve stoppage for serious injury that may have to be dealt with on the field
- ▶ Logically there is no "extra or add" time
- ▶ Getting the Varsity game started on time is of paramount importance and it is to happen at the "expense" of the JV game
- ▶ Leave the field and join the center referee for the Varsity game immediately at the conclusion
- ▶ Per VHSL no discussion with players or coaches after the game
- ▶ Have fun and be safe

- ▶ QUESTIONS????