

# **CFOA PLAYOFF PROTOCOL**

## ***ALL OFFICIALS***

### ***A.DRESS***

WHILE THERE IS NO SET DRESS CODE WE SUGGEST THAT ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND SECOND ROUND GAMES—OFFICIALS DRESS IN KHAKIS AND A POLO OR BUTTON DOWN OR SWEATER.

CASUAL OR DRESS SHOES ARE RECOMMENDED.

SEMI FINALS AND FINALS—WE SUGGEST NICE KHAKIS AND A POLO OR SWEATER AND COAT OR DRESS SLACKS AND COAT.

### ***B.ARRIVAL TIME***

TRAVEL ON A FRIDAY FOR THE OPENING ROUND AND SECOND ROUND—PLEASE GIVE EXTRA TIME

WE WOULD SUGGEST ARRIVAL ON SITE AT 90 MINUTES PRIOR TO KICK OFF

WE SUGGEST CARPOOLING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

FOR SEMI FINALS AND FINAL WE SUGGEST 105 MINUTES PRIOR TO KICK OFF

### ***C.PREGAME***

THE FIRST ROUND IS USUALLY NOT REGULAR SEASON CREWS.

WE WOULD LIKE THE REFEREE TO TOUCH BASE VIA E MAIL OR CALL EACH MEMBER OF THE CREW. THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS THAT ARE MOST HELPFUL THAT THE REFEREE AND CREW NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.

PLEASE BE BRIEF AND PLEASE WELCOME FEEDBACK OR ALTERNATIVE MECHANICS DURING THE PREGAME BUT ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE BEFORE LEAVING THE LOCKER ROOM.

BEING ON SITE 90 MINUTES PRIOR TO KICK-OFF, WE WOULD HOPE YOU GET A GOOD 45 MINUTES OF A PREGAME

### ***D.ON THE FIELD***

PLEASE ENTER THE FIELD PRIOR TO THE TEAMS LEAVING THEIR PREGAME—OFFICIALS CAN INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE COACHES AT THIS POINT.

WHEN THE TEAMS LEAVE THE FIELD—WE CAN INSTRUCT BALL BOYS-CHAINS ETC IF NOT DONE PRIOR.

BACK JUDGE AND LINE JUDGE—YOU MUST GO TO THE LOCKER ROOM TO BRING YOUR TEAM CAPTAINS AND TEAM TO THE FIELD.

PLEASE HELP OUT BY FOLLOWING THIS PRIOR TO THE GAME AND PRIOR TO THE SECOND HALF WARM UP PERIOD.

I SUGGEST THAT WE DO NOT BRING CAPTAINS OUT FOR THE SECOND HALF—JUST GET THE CHOICE OF DIRECTION FROM THE TEAM THAT WILL KICK-OFF. PRIOR TO THE GAME PLEASE DO NOT WAIT FOR THE LINE JUDGE AND BACK JUDGE TO TOSS THE COIN.

ALSO WHEN TEAMS ENTER AND LEAVE THE FIELD PRIOR TO THE GAME AND THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND HALF—OFFICIALS MUST ESCORT THE TEAMS ALL THE WAY TO THEIR BENCH AREA. WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY INSTANCES WHERE A TEAM STAYS IN AN END ZONE TOO LONG OR RUNS THRU ANOTHER TEAM—THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CREWS AT ALL GAMES.

### ***E.COMMUNICATIONS***

PLEASE REMEMBER ONE OF OUR MAIN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE SEASON—BE THE BEST POSSIBLE COMMUNICATORS THAT AN OFFICIAL COULD BE.

PLEASE STAY IN CONTROL OF YOUR EMOTIONS AND TRY AND ANSWER ANY QUESTION FROM THE HEAD OR ASSISTANT COACHES WITHIN REASON.

BE COURTEOUS TO ALL SCHOOL PERSONELL.

### ***F.POSTGAME***

PLEASE BE KIND ENOUGH TO LEAVE THE LOCKER ROOM AND FACILITIES AS YOU FOUND THEM WITHIN REASON.

PLEASE THANK YOUR HOST OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HAVING YOU TO THEIR SITE