

## 2011 SRI Pre-Season Bulletin 3

### Coin Toss Mechanic - More Information

In last week's Bulletin, I offered a suggested timeline for the coin toss and related activities. Officials may also meet with the head coach 75-60 minutes before the kickoff. Many coaches and officials prefer to get this meeting out of the way before settling in to their pre-game conference and routine. If you can't find the head coach, if the team has not arrived at the game site or if this is an inconvenient time, officials may meet with the head coach on the field at 30 minutes before the kickoff. Bottom line: you have options for the pre-game head coach meeting. Adapt, improvise, use common sense and make it work!

### Socks and Towels

When long pants are worn, plain black socks will be worn instead of the striped socks traditionally worn with knickers. This looks more professional.

When long pants are worn, it is suggested that Umpires wear/use black towels. Again, this looks more professional. Do not expect schools to furnish ball towels. A black towel can be purchased for less than \$5.00. Make the investment and look sharp!

One other thing...black bean bags may become an option with long pants in future seasons. You heard it here first!

### Adjusting the Ball

Play: For a free kick, Team K lines up in a "pooch" kick formation. After the ready-for-play, they come forward towards the ball, but stop and retreat/shift into a normal free kick formation. Prior to kicking the ball, the kicker comes up and adjusts the ball on the tee.

Ruling: Legal play, as long as all this activity is done within 25-seconds after the ready-for-play. Adjusting the ball on the tee is not considered changing the designated spot. Remember that Team K may re-designate the spot of a kickoff following a dead ball foul or if the down is replayed following a double foul or an inadvertent whistle. Rules 4-3-6, 4-3-7 and 6-1-2.

### Reverse Goal Line Mechanics

The following reverse goal line mechanics will be used in addition to information on pages 120-122 and 155 of the new Mechanics and Philosophies Manual:

- 1) If the ball is snapped inside the 5 yard line, **BOTH** Wing Officials will move to the goal line.
- 2) If the ball is snapped between the 5 and 8 yard lines, the Referee and Wing Official **OPPOSITE** the Referee have goal line responsibility. The Wing Official on the Referee's side needs to be prepared to assist if necessary.
- 3) If the ball is snapped outside the 8 yard line, the Referee has the goal line.