

## **2017 Pre-Season Bulletin 2**

### **Wearing Shorts**

Per Brad and this SRI, officiating shorts are not to be worn in sub-varsity contests. Just doesn't look professional. Besides, many officials wear knee braces or sleeves and we would prefer this personal equipment not be exposed. As far as scrimmages, jamborees and youth games are concerned, shorts are OK, subject to local association practices. Remember,

**You never get a second chance to make a first impression.**

### **Blindside Blocks**

Brad has asked me to thank all Oregon football officials for helping to make our 2-year experimental rule a national rule. Thank you for reporting BSB's from your last 2 years' games; because of your time and efforts we were able to collect good data to help promote and "sell" our rules change proposal. The good news...officials DO NOT have to report BSB's in 2017!

### **Roughing the Passer**

Rule 9-4-4 tells us that illegal personal contact fouls listed in Rule 9-4-3 against a passer are enforced as roughing the passer fouls. Included in 9-4-3 is "incidentally grasping an opponent's face mask..." in other words, a 5-yard foul. Please remember that this 5-yard foul is not roughing the passer; only 15-yard illegal personal contact fouls are enforced as roughing the passer.

Play: 4/12 at the B-30. QB A7 completes a forward pass to A87 at the B-20 where he is downed. Just after A7 released the pass, B53 grabbed and immediately released A7's face mask.

Ruling: A's ball, 4/7 at the B-25. This is a 5-yard incidental face mask foul. Penalty is 5-yards from the previous spot. Rules 9-4-3h, 9-4-4, 9-4 Penalty.

### **Electronic Communication Devices**

A question has come up concerning electronic signage used from the sideline. The issue is can a coach use electronic signage from the press box, or anywhere else on the field.

Rule 1-5-3c2 tells us illegal equipment "includes electronic communication devices used to communicate with a player except during an outside the 9-yard mark (sideline) conference.

In other words, only electronic communication with players during a sideline conference is allowed. Any other use of electronic communication...from a lift in the end zone, the track, the press box or the stands IS NOT allowed. Communication devices, however, may be used during the halftime intermission. Please review Case Book plays 1.6.1 Situations G and H and Rules 1-5-3c2, 1-6-1, 1-6-2 and 9-8-1e.