



Iowa Referee Committee (IRC)
High School Liaison



High School Referees,

I hope this email finds you well and dry! We have had a wet start to the High School season so far. First and foremost, thank you for what you are doing. This game couldn't be played without officials. You are a key aspect of this game.

As a reminder, please fill out the boy's reports after matches. This information is being looked at weekly. Because of a few hiccups, we will not have girls reporting this year. We hope to work on some logistics so this report can be filled out by all (coaches, ADs, referees, and assistant referees). Now if you are working a girls match and there is something you have question about, e.g., application of a rule, situation in a game that you think might be helpful for others to hear, I want to hear about it. Chances are you aren't the only one. We are here to learn from each other, so let's make that happen.

A couple of clarifications to some items:

(1) - Passback Rule (Rule 12.7.3) – For a Passback infringement to exist, the following 3 conditions must be satisfied:

- The ball must be kicked with the foot by a teammate of the keeper
- The action is considered by the referee to be deliberate as opposed to it being a mis-kick or a deflection
- The keeper plays the ball with his/her hands

The ball does not have to be passed or go backwards or be to the keeper (in the direction of the keeper).

(2) - Kickoff – The Kick off has not changed for us in Iowa playing high school. The ball must still go forward. This has been a question that was brought up.

(3) - Uniforms – If the home team is not wearing solid white jerseys and socks then DO report this to the IHSAA or IGHSAAU but DO NOT caution the coach and every player on the home team for failing to wear solid white jerseys and socks. Along with this, the under garments DO NOT have to match the shorts or shirts but the team must all be wearing the same color.

(4) - Site Administrator – Please arrive early (30 minutes minimum) to the field and locate all the personnel you might need during a match. Also, have a

conversation with site administrators about their location during the game. Please refrain from talking and interacting with the crowd, use your resources and have the site administrator deal with them.

Hope you all have a good start to the season and look forward to hearing from you all through the season. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns!

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