



Iowa Referee Committee (IRC)
High School Liaison



High School Referees,

Good evening everyone!

Here is this week's "Week in Review" information.

1. Dual systems - This is the time of year we have people getting sick or hurt and you are left to referee as a dual system. Please review this link that helps diagram each official's area, what to look for, how to communicate, etc. Dual systems can be effective if done properly.

<https://app.box.com/v/NFHS/1/7646615018/64783425641/1>

2. Sportsmanship – I will speak to one of my experiences this past week in Eastern Iowa. The sportsmanship from the fans was by far one of the worst I have ever witnessed. When I could tell, the situation was fueling the behavior on the field as asked for the site administrator to assist (which was the AD who greeted us first thing when getting to the school). He did, and did as good of job as he could do. This situation became much more a scene than it ever needed to be because of parents and fans worrying about something else other than supporting their team. My point being is as much as you want to turn around and put someone in their place, this isn't the time nor place to do it. Hold yourself to a higher standard and have the site administrators deal with this. Your job is to manage the game and coaches, use your tools to do so. Have a discussion, use your cards if need be. It took everything I had to not turn around and give these fans an education but I knew it would go nowhere and wouldn't benefit myself, the referee crew and the community of referees we represent!

3. Arrival prior to the game– Please make sure we are arriving 30 mins ahead of kickoff and if you aren't going to make it make sure this is communicated. Had many comments about referees arriving late. If you have a member of your crew arriving late let's make sure to communicate with the coaches what is going on. Communication goes a long way and can help everyone understand the situation.

4. Media-If you are approached after the game by media you do NOT have to talk to them. I would encourage everyone to take a policy that no comment is needed when it comes to reasoning on your calls during a match.

Most of these items that are coming up are easily addressed. Please take the time as a crew and do your best as a crew.

Here are few good comments coming from the coaches reports:

"Officials did a great job."

"This crew did a great job for this game."

“Good crew, we used an offside trap and caught them multiple times because the AR's kept up with our defense.”

Let's keep up the great work!

Reminder: You have access to many important documents that we use as officials. These are all located in the Box folder by going to <http://www.sdi-ia.com/nfhs.html> They are also accessible from the <http://www.sdi-ia.com/> home page halfway down under Spring High School Soccer. The newest item that was added was the rules meeting in a PDF form (with no commentary). These are great quick reference points for you to use.

Have a great week ahead. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns!

Regards,

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