

SCFOA OFFICIALS' RATING AND PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

Following are what are considered the quality characteristics of an official in SCFOA. These should be used in training new and existing officials as well as in the evaluation of an official's performance.

PREGAME/POSTGAME/HALFTIME

- Punctual for pre-game, after half time, and for departure from game location
- Dresses before pre-game conference, not during
- Is awake and attentive to pre-game and eliminates potential distractions
- Participates in discussions and adds meaningful constructive and clarifying input
- Stays focused on the topic at hand, listens to instructions and discussions
- Has proper equipment for game and potential weather. Game equipment is prepared for game use upon arrival.
- Assists with coach meeting, performs all assigned duties - inspections, ball boys, chains and crew, etc.
- Proper posture for pledge, shows respect for school song/functions
- Discusses game situations in appropriately private setting, positively participates in game critique at halftime and after game
- Leaves a clean dressing area

GAME

- Hustles in all situations
- Commands respect as an on field authority but keeps game fun and in perspective, Approachable yet authoritative
- Communicates with coach between plays to give team info on player actions, fouls, timeouts
- Communicates with players to encourage, correct, warn, and preventive officiate
- Communicates with officials before, during, and after play to assure proper rules and mechanics application
- Does not make numerous and repetitive mistakes
- Able to consistently perform under pressure, Displays courage to make tough call correct
- Understands significance of game situations and strategies

PROFESSIONALISM

- Displays positive and good attitude to players, coaches, and fellow officials, courteous
- Displays desire to do best job possible, Gives best possible effort
- Displays desire to work assigned game - acceptance without complaint
- Neat clean professional appearance before, during, and after game - shows pride in appearance and performance
- First class uniform appearance - shined shoes, white pants, tee shirt, clean fitted hat, white stripes on shirt and socks etc
- Displays integrity in handling game situations, Maintains control of game and game situations
- Is prompt in all situations before, during and after game. The crew or game does not repeatedly wait on this official.
- Conducts self in professional manner from arrival to departure
- Is open to suggestions for improvement from crew members
- Represents SCFOA in a positive manner

RULES KNOWLEDGE

- Applies rules consistently and decisively
- Works to apply the rules correctly as opposed to working to get a good rating
- Permits play to the spirit of the rules without over officiating
- Does not make numerous and/or repetitive mistakes
- Identifies and corrects errors in a positive manner
- Displays integrity and common sense in application of penalties and clock management
- Helpful to crew on rules interpretation situations
- Shows good judgment

MECHANICS

- Displays mobility and is in proper position for opportunity to make call
- Covers assigned duties, assist with spots, contributes to the effectiveness of the entire crew
- Gives good clear signals. Uses proper signals as defined in manual.
- Appropriately communicates with crew as play is about to begin and when play has concluded
- Performs preventive officiating where appropriate, Performs back side officiating, Performs dead ball officiating
- Functions as team member in applying sound, approved mechanics
- Retrieves balls and handles balls coming on and off field as situation dictates
- Covers flags as required
- Identifies and points out or corrects errors immediately
- Does not make numerous and/or repetitive mistakes

PHYSICAL

- Displays mobility and is able to get in proper position for opportunity to make call
- Hustles in all situations
- Physically able to work entire game, endurance
- General physical condition and physical appearance, hair trimmed, shaved, clean, weight and height are proportional
- Does not begin a game when injured to the point of not being capable of performing duties properly