

# Some Things To Know Going Into The 2023 Season



**40 Second Clock**  
**All Levels Of Play (Varsity, JV,**  
**Freshmen, Middle School**

- **No Exceptions To This In West Virginia/Will Be Enforced Along with the dress code.**
- **Gets Players, Coaches, Officials, Spectators Used To The NFHS Timing Rules**
- **Games Will Go Faster**

# Understand The Environment In Which We Might Be Going

- Transfer Rule has created much frustration amongst coaching staffs, schools, communities
- Be alert for possible more unsportsmanlike acts



# Game Clock/Play Clock Issues

- Report any problems to the WVSSAC by submitting a Special Report
- We won't know there is an issue if you don't report it.
- The WVSSAC Staff does reach out to school administration to get these issues resolved.



# Defenseless Receiver Tips

- If the ball is tipped by the defense, defenseless receiver contact rules still apply
- Announcement made for fouls on defenseless receivers will be as follows:
- “Personal Foul, Illegal Contact on a Defenseless Receiver, #86, 15 yard penalty from the previous spot” **Not a tack on foul**
- We must say illegal because all contact on a defenseless receiver is not illegal.



# Illegal Equipment/Player Must Remove

- If players have a mouthpiece already in, they cannot display a secondary mouthpiece in this manner (Green hanging one). This is an adornment and must be removed before participation.



# Line Up Cards

- Even though there is no longer a Coaches Rating given, **ALL** Head Coaches at **ALL** Levels of Play will be given an Introductory Card with the names of your crew and registration numbers



# Fouls By B That Result In A Safety

- If B fouls in the end zone and the play ends in the end zone that would result in a safety, we will penalize B from the previous spot
- If there is change a possession, and B fouls in the end zone where the play would result in a safety, we would then penalize from the goal line.



# Shout Out To Many Local Associations

- Wanted to say a big “Thank You” to many of our Associations who have done a GREAT job recruiting new officials for the 2023 season!
- Get them working, and take care of them. Keep in touch with them throughout the year and help them anyway you can so we can retain them.
- Make sure to turn in Form 08 to get them registered
- Stay involved with returning 2<sup>nd</sup> year Officials as well. Hold their hands on meeting all the requirements



# Thanks For What You Do

- Appreciate what you do for the game of Football in West Virginia
- Provide Professionalism when wearing the striped shirt. Remember, you are representing EVERY Official in WV when you take on the role.
- Stay Safe In Your Travels/On Field Officiating
- Please Contact me with any questions/concerns throughout the year