

WDFOA General Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2021 (7:00 pm)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

- Bill Witte (MPSSAA Football Rules Interpreter) presented safety guidance and considerations from the NFHS for the 2021 Spring season.
 - Face masks can be worn by coaches and players. Face shields are not permitted.
 - Team boxes shall extend between the 10-yard lines. Coaches must remain between the 25-yard lines.
 - Only one team captain is permitted for the coin toss.
 - Charged timeouts may be extended to a maximum of two minutes.
- Geo-Di Tolbert (WDFOA President) presented health and safety policies from the WDFOA for the 2021 Spring season.
 - All officials are to report to the game site, fully dressed, 30 minutes prior to kickoff for both Varsity and Junior Varsity contests. Pregame meetings shall take place on the field or at a location near the field that allows for proper social distancing. School buildings or locker rooms shall not be used for pregame meetings or for other gatherings.
 - Probationary Member and Associate Member evaluations will not be conducted during the 2020-2021 football season.
 - Officials are not responsible for enforcing social distancing measures or other COVID-related safety procedures for teams, coaches, or other school-based staff.
 - Teams are responsible for cleaning and sanitizing game balls as often or as little as they prefer. Teams must relay the football back to the officials during the game in a timely manner. Officials will not permit the stoppage or resetting of play clocks to permit ball substitutions.
 - Officials must keep their availability updated in Arbiter. Game schedules can quickly change and the Commissioner needs the most current information during the assigning process should a reschedule occur.
- Charles Lamertina (NCAA Official) presented mechanics for the Center Judge position.
- Al Ferraro (WDFOA Commissioner) notified the Membership that Howard County and Montgomery County will play shortened schedules, and Prince George's County will not schedule any games for the 2021 Spring season.