

# MPSSAA Football Playoffs



# Pregame

- **White Hat** - Email the school athletic director 48 hours prior (name and email address is listed under contacts in the Arbiter).
- **White Hat** - At least 24 hours prior to game, communicate with the crew via email and/or text. This communication should discuss where to meet and what time. Long Sleeve vs Short Sleeve is a crew decision.
- **Crew** - Meet in locker room for Pregame discussion and once done the crew will enter the field together. I have communicated with all athletic directors; each site will provide a dedicated space for the officials to change and have a Pregame.
- **Crew** - Walk the field before the Kick-off to make sure pylons, yard markers, chains and chain crew, are ready to go.

# Pregame cont'd

- **White Hat** – Meet with the clock operator prior to taking the field.
- **White Hat** - Print of a copy of the crew card located at [www.wdfoa.org](http://www.wdfoa.org) or write the names and crew positions on an index card.
- **White Hat & Umpire** - Meet the coaches (home team first). Ask about trick plays. Remember their names (Coach Landy, Coach Butch, etc.).

# During the game

- **Crew** - Treat all coaches with respect and dignity.
  - If they have a question, answer it.
  - Do not be dismissive or ignore them.
- **Clock Operators** - Run a consistent clock.
- **White Hats** - All games have a clock operator assigned so no need for a 4-minute warning.
- **Crew** - Plenty enforcements, lets get it right.

# During the game cont'd

- **RPO's** - LJs need to be aware of the lineman being downfield on a pass play, Umpires are secondary. Observations – Often times the linemen are 6-7 yards downfield during passing plays. White hats should address these situations in their pregame meetings.
- **Crew** - Communication is very important through out the game.
- **Crew** - Mercy rule only applies in the 2nd half of the game during MPSAA Playoffs.
- **Crew** - Reminder if a player or players are ejected, call me and file a report at [MPSSAA.com](http://MPSSAA.com). The form can be found under the officiating tab.

# Post Game & Assignment Fees

## Post game

- **White Hat** - Report score etc. to Deron with team name via text 703-869-2283.

## Assignment Fees

- **1<sup>st</sup> Round** - \$92 per on field official and \$60 play clock operators.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Round and beyond** - \$90 per on field official (\$55 chain crew and clock operators) paid by the MPSSAA via DragonFly.