

I GENERAL CHAIN CREW INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Communicate!
- B. Never move until directed to move. I will explain duties before, during, and after a measurement.
- C. If you see a flag, hold your spot and tell me.
- D. You will be spotted on all first downs that start a new series.
- E. Box person will move when HL signals the next down in sequence. Down Markers will move on wave signal.
- F. At the end of the first and third quarters:
 - a. Stay set and we will switch rod positions after all information is recorded.
 - b. Confirm that the down box clip to the proper yard line.
- G. Review placement of chains at the sideline and move back 6 feet.
- H. Measurements – *Move on signal and mark at 5 yard stripe, Hand front rod to umpire.*
- I. Hold position on first downs and long gains until I signal.
- J. Chain and down people: When play comes your way:
 - a. Lift rod/box and step back.
 - b. When threatened – *Drop everything and move for safety!*
- K. When moving about the team area, be patient, courteous, and professional.

II THE CLIP PERSON

- A. Clip the marker five-yard stripe closest to the rear chain rod. Set the slide to the yd line of the clip.
- B. Place clip on right side of the stripe.
- C. Do not remove the clip from the previous series until after chains are set for the next series.

III THE BOX PERSON

- A. Tell me when the box is beyond the 5-yard (mid-point) tape mark.
- B. Move the box first, then change the down.
- C. PAT (Try) – 3-yard line (down to fourth)
- D. First down inside the 10-yard line – box person only.
- E. Fourth down – Stay put and communicate the fourth down yard line number to me.
- F. Review the down and distance after each play.
- G. The linesman will personally spot you on all 1st
- H. When the box is directly in front of the down markers, hold the down box at an angle. This will help the coaches, players, and fans know the down. This also shows up better on the game film/tape or television.
- I. When a touchback occurs – The box will be placed on the rear edge of the 20-yard line (nearer the goal line, going out).
- J. On measurements – Place the down box at the location of the more forward stake. This way you will be near the spot for either the next down, or a first down. Do not change to down indicator until directed by the Linesman.

IV THE DOWN MARKERS

- A. Move on my “wave” signal. Box person will move on signal of next down.
- B. On kick-offs, remove yourselves and all your equipment outside the limit line at the receiving team’s end of the field (about the 30 yard-line).
- C. On first downs (new series) – I will personally set you on the sideline and the clip will be attached at proper 5-yard stripe. Move six feet off the sideline and set on the down box. Coaches behind the down markers and players back 12 feet.
- D. When a touchback occurs – The box will be on the rear edge of the 20-yard line (nearer the goal line, going out).
- E. Remove the chains when a first down (new series begins) inside the 10-yard line (going in).