

# Tackle football- Youth- Officials Responsibilities

- Show up at game site 30 minutes prior to your assigned game time start
- Communicate with a crew member/chief if having issues getting there on time.
- Enter field properly dressed with all equipment. Later in the year, be mindful of weather issues. After 10/15, by laws require long pants. Shirt sleeves at discretion of crew chief. Have everything with you.
- Have all equipment. 2 flags, 2 bean bags, a whistle and a back-up, timing piece, game card and writing instrument, down indicator(s), chain clips, radios and coin.

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- Concessions are not a part of our contract. Most sites will provide hydration and offer food. Some sites may not. Please don't over indulge in their hospitality. Never help yourself.
- First few weeks of the year folks will have many games (9/2). Please keep hydrated, don't over eat and take breaks.
- Please accept games on Arbiter as soon as you can. If you have not accepted a game by the Tuesday of the game week, I will send you a text. If I do not hear from you by Wednesday midnight, I will unassign you and assign someone else on Thursday of that week.
- Know your rules, mechanics and MVYFL exceptions.

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- Clock operators are to be dressed like everyone else. Please bring your radios. Know when to start and stop a clock for the MVYFL. You are getting paid like an on-field official. Watch the on-field officials and their signals. There is nothing more embarrassing than to have one of our own clock operators mess up the time.
- Know the different levels of play.
- D2 officials (two-man crew) are paid cash by a game administrator on the field. Make sure you get paid before the next game starts. Let me know if you have issues.
- Your attention is on the field, not talking to coaches unless it is a pre game.

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- Know and introduce yourself to your game administrators. Do not attempt to call, email or text them without going through Kevin or me. OK to exchange light conversation. Issues come through me and/or the Board.
- Be professional and courteous. Understand that there may be game time start issues, especially at beginning of year or when teams are showing up from different programs. Be patient and flexible within reason. The league has been asked to move these games along. At no time should an official be checking game scores on your phone while on the field. Checking for emergency is fine. Checking at halftime is fine.
- Leave the field together if you can and remember your chain clips etc.

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- Remember, everyone is looking at you. The optics are always important—from your professional dress, communication with coaches, checking phones, eating at the snack bar or overheard conversations. In this world of being filmed anywhere, selective editing of confrontations and social media—Big Brother is watching you.
- Don't Ever post anything on Social Media about players, coaches, fellow officials, fans, our Association, the league to include FCPS.
- Only communicate with head coaches. If necessary, and a conference is needed, two officials should be in attendance.