

# Maryland Board of Football Officials, Inc.

To: MBFO Members:

Again this year, your Executive Board, has been busy trying to navigate the muddy waters to get you to and through this coming season. Here are some of my thoughts, in random order, with no significance placed as to their priority:

- If you have not started to get in shape, do so now! The season starts for most of us on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, with our first meeting. Baltimore County's play date will be August 25<sup>th</sup> when it will be 95 degrees with 95% humidity. If you have not done so. Get your annual physical.
- If you have not paid your dues, you will not be assigned games. So, pay your dues now!
- We are sad to report that we have lost a few members (they retired) but we are trying to convince them that they would make excellent timers.
- We are still in the process of finalizing our 5 man mechanics, more on that later. We also have been approved with Baltimore County for 4 man crews on JV so get ready to be available during the week.
- Block out your unavailable dates or times on [ArbiterSports.com](http://ArbiterSports.com) now!
- The MPSSAA has implemented a few mechanics changes. More on this during our first meeting or go to the MPSSAA web site to see what they are.
- The MPSSAA in conjunction with the NFHS has approved foul weather pants. Next year we are planning to subsidize your purchase of them. This will happen!
- The MPSSAA has announced its new interpreter. You will meet him on August 16th at Owings Mills.
- Our website with Digital Sports is virtually non-functional. A lot of time and effort has been spent to fix this and we are very close to finalization. At the current time, we will utilize ArbiterSports and your regular e-mail for mass communication.
- Scrimmages will also be available by e-mail again this year.
- Give your Flex-fit hat size and color preference to Pat Nagle by e-mail with a copy to me. If you insist on a size specific hat, that request will be ignored. (Just kidding!)
- Elections this year will be on-line. No more turning in paper ballots on election night at the annual meeting. And, no you can't vote early and often.
- Get your roster change info to Pat Nagle ASAP, in writing so he can cut and paste your change to the roster. [pnagle@comcast.net](mailto:pnagle@comcast.net), 410-538-7366
- Want to volunteer for a committee? Drop me a line. We need help on all committees!
- This year's meeting schedule is tentatively set as follows: (Note: All Meetings will be at Woodlawn H.S. except for the State Interpretation meeting which will be at **Owings Mills** (not Milford Mill Academy); Meetings start at **7:00 pm**, not 7:05 nor 7:10 nor 7:15):
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Applicants/P1's/P/2's</b>	<b>Regular Members</b>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>August 9- On field</b>	<b>X (App's in class)</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>August 16-Owings Mills</b>	<b>X (State Interpretation)</b>	<b>X (State Interpretation)</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X (Part I test)</b>
<b>August 30</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X (Part II test)</b>
<b>September 7 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>September 27</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>X (reviews)</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>November 8 (Business Meeting)</b>	<b>X (except the A's)</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>December 2 (Thursday - Banquet)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

**(All dates are subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of the executive committee).**

**These are the NFHS rule changes for this year. Please review and become familiar with them.**

# **2010 Football Rules Revisions**

1-5-2c: New football glove/hand pad standard implemented for the 2012 season.  
1-5-3a: Restrictions removed on penalty-marker colored pads or gloves.  
1-5-3b1, 2, Note 3: Illegal player equipment rule clarified.  
3-1-2 ; 1-7: Point differential rule modified for member state associations.  
3-2-2 : Coin toss provisions revised.  
3-5-10b: Concussion rule revised.  
3-7-1 : Replaced players – replacement timeframe clarified.  
8-2-2 ; 8-2-3 ; 8-2-4 (NEW); 8-2-5 ; 10-4-5 ; 10-5-1f; 2-41-10: Penalty options for fouls on scoring plays expanded to include scoring team fouls.  
9-4-3 k: Horse-collar clarified.  
9-4-8 (NEW): Penalty defined for unintentional contact between a nonplayer and an official in the restricted area.  
Nine-, Eight- and Six-player Rules: Field markings in nine-, eight- and six-player rule differences adjusted.

## **Editorial and Other Changes**

1-2-3b NOTES 2; 1-2-3e, Notes; 1-2-4; Table 1-3-1; 1-4-2, Figure j; 1-5-1, 2, 3; Table 1-7; 2-6-2b; 2-9-3, 2-10-3; 2-11; 2-16-2b, e; 2-26-4; 2-30; 2-32-10; 2-41-4, 8; 3-3-2; 3-3-4b 2, 4; 3-7 Penalty; 4-1-4; 4-2-2g; 4-3-2, 3, 4, 5 6; 5-1-2b; 6-1-2, 4; 6-2-1, 2; 6-5-4, 5; 7-3-2; 7-5-7, 8, 9; 8-3-1, 8; 9-6-1; 9-6-3; 9-6-4a, d; FUNDAMENTALS – II-5; IV-2; X-4; Resolving Tied Games - 3.1.1; 5-1-1; NINE-, EIGHT- AND SIX-PLAYER DIFFERENCES – NOTE; OFFICIAL FOOTBALL SIGNALS – 45; PENALTY SUMMARY – 10, 23 (NEW).

## **Points of Emphasis**

1. Concussion Recognition and Management
2. Heat Illness and Hydration
3. Illegal Helmet Contact
4. Assisting the Runner
5. Sportsmanship and Public Address Announcers
6. NFHS Football Officials Manual

**Again this year our emphasis will be on proper communication with players, coaches, parents, fans, and all who are connected with the game. We need to be better educators for everyone involved. They spend hours each day perfecting their craft. How much time do you spend? There are many educational opportunities available on-line for us to become better officials. Use what is already in place to improve your skills. We get paid for our games. For most of those games, our efforts do not equal what we receive. However, there are some games where we our efforts aren't enough for what we receive. Where do you fit on this scale?**

**Joe, Sr.**

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