

"Points to Ponder"

- Player safety is your number one concern after your own.
- Make the tough call.
- Don't get emotionally involved.
- Be quick, but don't hurry.
- A pre-game conference is a must.
- If you look like an official, you'll perform like one.
- Count the players.
- Correct obvious errors.
- See leather.
- Know the down and distance.
- Sell the call but don't over-officiate.
- Call what you see but see what you call.
- Don't guess - know.
- If 2 officials are marking a spot, 1 could be doing something else.
- Let the mind digest what the eye has seen.
- What effect did it have on the play?
- It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.
- On the wings, don't get trapped inside.
- After throwing your flag continue to officiate.
- 4th down, kill the clock.
- Take a second to take a look.
- Attitude, consistency and competence make a good official.
- The only part of officiating to emphasize is your signaling.
- Be decisive. Indecision gives the impression of uncertainty.
- Never stand still during an entire down. People will think you are lazy.
- If officials are close enough to touch, there is generally something wrong.
- Don't get mad and don't get even.
- It's more important to get it right than to look good.
- False pride has no place in officiating.
- You're only as good as your next call.