

# WEEKLY WRAP UP

## Make the Call

Every week, a scenario that occurred in an HSSOA game will be provided below. **Scan the QR code** on the right to provide your answer describing what you would have done if you were the referee. All participants who respond will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a special prize each week. **This week's prize is a Fox 40 whistle!**



**Scenario:** A player sustained a serious head injury during play with 10 seconds left in the game. The referee beckoned the athletic trainer and coach onto the field, stopped the clock, and the athletic trainer assessed the player in the center of the field. After the player was treated and the player, trainer, and coach began making their way back to the technical area, the referee restarted the game and played out the final 10 seconds while the athletic trainer, coach, and the concussed player were still on the field. When the coach approached the referee after the game about their decision, the referee responded to the coach " There was only 10 seconds left. You talk too much."

**What would YOU do in this scenario if you were the referee?**

**Email us photos** of your crew (with names) or action shots during your HSSOA games this season for a chance to be featured in our Weekly Wrap Up!

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## Referee of the Week

This week's referee of the week shout out goes to a full crew: **Pierre Boucha**, **Soloman Anonye**, and **Patrick Sweeney**.

This crew was reported to have done so well that the home team purchased each referee a Cane's gift basket! Special mention to **Soloman** who is a first year member of HSSOA.

## Coming Up...

- Field Training Session #1 - Thursday, **February 1st** 7-8:30pm **McGovern Park**
- Field Training Session #2 - Thursday, **February 8th** 7-8:30pm **Burroughs Park**

All first year HSSOA referees are required to attend one field training session, but the sessions are open to all referees in our chapter.

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## What makes a good pregame?

A pregame is defined as everything the referee crew is responsible for prior to the sound of the first whistle, from following HS specific procedures to a thorough discussion among the referee crew. Refer to the list below of what is expected of all HSSOA officials for their matches.



### Prior to Field Arrival

- Referee emails both coaches and their crew members at least 24 hours prior to the match confirming game details
- Referee crew arrives to venue at least 30 minutes prior to kick off
- If crew member is running late, contact another member of crew with ETA

### At the Field

- Introduce yourself and crew to both coaches
- Collect rosters from coaches
- Determine what colors to wear based on teams and goalkeepers' colors
- Speak with timekeeper about clock - when to stop it; keep it running for JV
- Introduce yourself to athletic trainer and administrator on duty
- Make sure there are a minimum of 2 ball handlers for the varsity match
- Check that goals are anchored and corner flags are in proper position
- Ensure there is no jewelry on any player
- Confirm with coaches that all players are legally and properly equipped
- Call coaches to center circle for coin toss at least 5 minutes prior to kickoff
- Begin your match on time

### Pregame Discussion

- Team discussion, NOT a lecture
- Cover all team members' strengths and areas of support
- Review individual and collective responsibilities on and off the field
- Discuss misconduct, injury management, penalty area incidents, offside, and mass confrontation as well as technical area decorum/behavior

## Assignors' Report

If there is a **mass confrontation** (i.e., a "bench clearing" incident), referees ALWAYS must make note of ANYONE who leaves the bench and steps onto the field, during any fights/altercations. **Anyone from the beach area who leaves the technical area must be disqualified** (whether they participate in the fight or not). Appropriate designations shall be made in the game sheet/report and a UIL Incident report must be filed.

A single caution for players DO NOT need to be reported on UIL Incident reports, but **any caution to a coach needs to be reported** via a UIL Incident report.

ALWAYS file a **UIL Incident report** for ANY disqualifications - [Link to form HERE](#)