

WEEKLY WRAP UP

Make the Call

Every week, a game scenario will be provided below. **Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code** to let us know what you would have done if you were the referee. All respondents will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a special prize each week. **This week's prize is a notebook & pen!**



Scenario: A defender commits a careless foul near the top of the penalty area. The referee calls the foul and lets everyone know that the restart is on the whistle. The referee sets the wall of 3 defenders to stand on the penalty area line with their feet touching the line. The referee blows the whistle and the attacker takes a shot which hits the hand of a player standing in the defensive wall. The referee immediately blows the whistle and signals for a free kick, stops the clock, and issues a yellow card to the player who handled the ball. The coach starts yelling across the field "ref, that should be a PK, call the PK, the hand was inside the box" The referee runs over to the coach and gives him a yellow card and says "Coach, that's enough. Here is your yellow card. Don't coach me, I am not one of your players, sir" and walks away.

What would you do differently as the referee to prevent this controversial decision?

Last Week's Scenario: A player entering the attacking third was tackled by a defender who committed a reckless foul. The referee stopped the clock and issued a yellow card to the player who committed the reckless foul and the player left the field with no comments. The attacking player was on the ground and the referee beckoned the trainer onto the field. While the clock was stopped and the trainer was still on the field, a defending player decided to walk up to the ball and stood 2 yards in front of it. The referee issued a yellow card to the defender for "Failing to Respect the Required Distance", all while the clock was stopped and trainer was still treating the injured player on the field.

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

From our winner last week, **Samantha Mata:** "I would not have issued a yellow card. I would instead just simply ask for them to give a good distance not only for the ball, but also for the player that is down." Remember that part of good officiating is using your personality as an official and using common sense. A yellow card should be used to change behavior in a match. Find the moment to deal with players standing in front of the ball early in the game and take care of it. Do not wait until the last 5 minutes of the match.

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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 official of the week shout out goes to **William Molina!**

This official was reported to have done a job showing great teamwork and assisting the referee turn back a penalty kick. The right call was made thanks to William's assistance. Great Job! Keep up the good work.

POE: Coaching & Team Area Decorum

From NFHS Rules Book: "Good sport conduct is the behavior appropriate for coaches, players, and bench personnel. This includes every individual who is in the team area during a game. Coaches set the tone for the contest with their display of sportsmanship. Inappropriate bench behavior shows a clear lack of respect." Review the offenses below for which a coach or bench personnel would receive a caution or disqualification. Remember, **these ALL require a UIL Incident Report!**

Yellow Card Offenses

- Player(s) wearing jewelry after game starts (coach receives yellow)
- Kicking or throwing objects in reaction to a decision
- Arguing calls consistently after being warned
- Delaying the restart of play by their team
- Entering the opposing team bench area (in a non-confrontational manner)
- Dissent by word or action
- Excessively gesturing for yellow/red card
- Gesturing or acting in a provocative manner
- Persistent unacceptable behavior (repeated warnings)
- Showing a lack of respect for the game

Red Card Offenses

- Entering the field of play to dissent a call or confront an official or player
- Acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- Engaging in a verbal or physical confrontation with the opposing coaching staff or players
- Confronting or arguing with spectators
- Delaying the restart of play for the opposing team
- Deliberately throwing/kicking object onto the field
- Entering the field to interfere with play, opposing player, or official
- Offensive/insulting/abusive language/gestures
- Using electronic communication devices with the on-field players during play
- Violent conduct
- Second yellow card

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Field Training Session Recap

Thursday, February 1st - Pin Oak

Thank you to all of our officials, the HSSOA Development team, and volunteers who participated in our first Field Training of the year last week at Pin Oak Middle School. We want to give a special shoutout to those who attended below.

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| Aaron Feleke | Declan Carroll | Kevin Carr | Samantha Mata |
| Alejandro Arismendez | Eguavoean Odigie | Kevin McIlveen | Samuel Jones |
| Carlos Pineda | Emmett Seals | Madison Leidy | Scott Hammel |
| Charles Mebayi | Felipe Zapater | Maher Shadid | Tawfiq Shadid |
| Chrisantus Iheanacho | Haniel Pineda | Mohammad Salibi | Tiffany Knobloch |
| Daniel Ramirez | Juan Armando Reyes | Musa Hatungimana | Trecia Roseberry |
| Daniel Bloh | Junior Delgado | Ronald Bressant | William Molina |



Coming Up...

[**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!**](#)

Join us for a great opportunity to grow and learn together! Open to all HSSOA officials
Field Training Session #2 - Thursday, February 8th 7-8:30pm Burroughs Park

Note: All first year HSSOA referees are required to attend one field training session