



RECAP OF OFFICIALS PRESENTATION AT COACHES MEETINGS

NFHS RULES/RULEBOOK:

The AIA only utilizes the NFHS Rulebook for Arizona High School completion. Changes to the rules require a process of experimentation and data collection. We have been fortunate to have been involved in some very high profile changes over the years – Including the “Helmet Off” Rule.

SAFETY:

The safety of the officials has become a concern over the past few years, as incidents of volatile behavior has increased. It is imperative that everyone work together to provide a safe environment to the individuals that provide a valuable service to our member school.

The officials will be asking a series of 4 safety questions to the head coach (at every level) prior to the start of the contest. These questions will aid everyone if there is an emergency. Answers to the questions will not cause the game to be cancelled.

- 1. Is there a Qualified Medical Practitioner (OMP) on site? (MD/DO/NP/PA/AT)**
- 2. Is an Emergency Action Plan in place?**
- 3. Is there an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) available and accessible?**
- 4. Where is the Emergency Entrance for this facility?**

SPORTSMANSHIP:

It seems that our officials are spending too much time CONCERNED about adult behavior instead of CONCENTRATING on player activity. Everyone must be actively involved in teaching and enforcing proper sportsmanship.

CONCUSIONS:

A reminder that once an official has removed a player from the game, the only individuals that can return that player to the game are: MD, DO, PA, NP, or a Certified Athletic Trainer. If one is not available at the game, the player cannot re-enter.

EJECTIONS/APPEALS:

Appeals to ejections can only occur during the state playoffs. As per the by-law, the request must be submitted 24 hours after the game has concluded. Video is encouraged in the submission.

EVALUATIONS/COMPLAINTS:

Communication between the schools and the AIA State Commissioner is encourage regarding officials behavior and demeanor during contests. Issues can be directly submitted to the State Commissioner or to the Area Commissioner.