

MECHANICS CHANGES TO CIS SEVEN-MAN COVERAGE FOR 2007

The following changes will apply for the 2007 season.

I. SCRIMMAGE PLAYS

- 1) Both the HL and LJ will hold the line of scrimmage until the ball crosses on all scrimmage plays.
- 2) The Umpire will line up 10 – 12 yards deep and out as far as the tackle for all scrimmage plays. He will NOT move up on pass plays. Will be responsible for the procedure calls on the C, G and T to his side of the line and holding by those players.
- 3) The Referee will start 14-15 yards deep and as much as 4-5 yards outside the tackle on his side of the line. Will have responsibility for procedure calls on the C, G and T to his side, holding by the C, G and T to his side and coverage of the QB.

II. GOAL LINE COVERAGE

- 1) When the line of scrimmage is at or inside the 10-yard line going in, please implement the following procedures:
 - a) The deep sideline official (BJ/SJ) should retain the goal line until driven off by the ball as long as he feels comfortable doing so. At the point where you are going to surrender goal line coverage to your sideline partner (HL/LJ) communicate to him that the goal line is now his. This is probably going to be when the line of scrimmage is somewhere around the 7 or 8-yard line.
 - b) When goal line coverage is declared:
 - i. Sideline officials have to retain strong outside control. Don't pinch in. Retain a view of the full scope of your zone.
 - ii. The **short side** sideline official shall:
 - Following the snap move toward the goal line
 - On close in situations move immediately to the goal line, boxing the play between yourself and the Umpire
 - Be prepared to **move back to the line of scrimmage** if the play **develops to the wide side**
 - iii. The **wide side** sideline official shall:
 - Retain the line of scrimmage until the ball crosses. Don't be too concerned with the offensive backfield
 - Move to the goal line with the ball and retain outside coverage
 - Be prepared to **move to the goal line** if the play **develops to the wide side**

III. SHORT FIELD GOALS AND CONVERTS

- 1) Given that the call on the FG or convert is the Referee's under these circumstances, the SJ and BJ have been under utilized.
- 2) The changes proposed below will use these two officials to provide additional coverage on the corners of the offensive and defensive sets for holding and UR.
- 3) On short FG's (10-yard line and in) the SJ and BJ will:
 - a) Move to a position 8-10 yards deep in the End Zone and out as far as the numbers
 - b) Observe the widest players on their side of the line for blocking tactics and UR
 - i. If your sideline partner **is responsible** for the kicker/holder, observe the widest **two blockers** to your side
 - ii. If your sideline partner is not responsible for the kicker/holder, observe the 2nd and 3rd blockers in, leaving the widest blocker to your sideline partner
 - c) If the play reverts to a run or a pass, the deep sideline officials should move immediately to the sidelines and revert to regular scrimmage coverage.