



Security Considerations for Sporting Events (approved by D1 - 10/13/21)

PRIOR to the CONTEST

- Confirm game contracts with officials.
- Head Referee/Official should contact school AD to review game procedures and logistics.
- Provide game officials with directions to the school and appropriate parking areas.
 - Encourage officials to park in close proximity to each other.
- AD / Game manager / Security personnel should introduce themselves to the officials as they arrive at the school.
- Provide game officials with a contact number of AD or Game Manager in case of an emergency or postponement.
- Inform Officials of any special activities that might occur prior to, or at halftime of the contest (i.e., Homecoming, Senior Night, etc.)
- When applicable, AD / Game manager or security personnel should provide the following for the officials:
 - Reserved parking space.
 - Secure dressing / locker room.
 - Escort from locker room to field.
 - Introduction to important game personnel and workers.
- Game help, security and school personnel should be easily identified during the contest.
- Introduce officials to important game personnel (medical staff, scorer, timer, announcer, chain gang).
- All game personnel and officials should know the location of medical personnel during the contest.
- Check facilities, game scoreboards and lighting systems prior to the game or contest. Ensure the playing area is properly marked and meets National Federation guidelines for that contest.
- Ask officials if there are any additional requirements needed for the contest.

DURING the CONTEST

- Game workers must understand their duties and responsibilities pertinent to the contest.
- Establish a universal sign for officials to be able to communicate to the game manager and press box.
- Crowd control and game security must be in proper placement and visible.
- Communicate with the officials during the game regarding crowd control concerns.
- Observe the crowd during the contest and prevent any disturbances that may occur.
- Maintain a clear and safe playing area during the contest.
- Game manager / Security must escort the officials back to the dressing room at halftime and after the contest.
- Provide security for official's locker room.
- Retrieve the game ball at the end of the contest.

AFTER the CONTEST

- Security / Game Manager should escort game officials safely back to the dressing room.
 - Consideration: escort clock operator (if a PIAA Official) back to the official's dressing room.
- Do not allow unauthorized persons in or around the Official's dressing room after the game.
- Security / Game Manager should remain with game officials and escort them to their cars.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Provide water or refreshments available for the officials after the contest.
- Thank officials for their time and effort, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Make sure arrangements for paying the officials are completed.
- Insist coaches display good sportsmanship and are proper examples for your players and crowd.
- Have your announcer read the PIAA sportsmanship statement and remain unbiased during the contest.