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Please send the below to all WY FB Officials. Thank you!

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Football Officials,

This week's training email comes to you from WSOA Football Representative, Chris Edwards. Thank you, Chris, for taking the time to contribute to our avocation this week! If you're interested in authoring one of our weekly training emails and videos, please let me know! Thanks! --Tyler

Week Three Training Email

1. Rules Knowledge -- Own Your Learning!

- a. Week Three Rules Quiz: <https://forms.gle/whhLDUMh5F2bLUjk8>
- b. We were a little light on quiz responders last week. I'm hopeful that we can
- c. Feedback on this new quiz format is welcome! Please enjoy this as you hit the road this week!

2. Free Kicks

- 6-1-3: After the ball is marked ready for play, and until the ball is kicked, the following formation requirements must be met:
 - a. No player, other than the kicker and the holder for a place kick, may be beyond his free-kick line; and
 - b. No K players, other than the kicker, may be more than 5 yards behind the kicking team's free-kick line. A player satisfies the rule when no foot is on or beyond the line 5 yards behind K's free-kick line. If one K player is more than 5 yards behind this restraining line and any other player kicks the ball, it is a foul.
- 6-1-4...At the time the ball is kicked, at least four K players must be on each side of the kicker

3. Fair Catch

- 6-5-5...No receiver may advance the ball after a valid or invalid fair-catch signal has been given by any R player.

4. Illegal Participation

- 9-6-1...Prior to a change of possession, or when there is no change of possession, no player of A or K shall go out of bounds and return to the field during the down unless blocked out of bounds by an opponent. If a player is blocked out of bounds by an opponent and returns to the field during the down, he shall return at the first opportunity.
- 9-6-2...No player shall intentionally go out of bounds during the down and:
 - a. Return to the field
 - b. Intentionally touch the ball
 - c. Influence the play; or
 - d. Otherwise participate

- 9-6-4...It is illegal participation
 - a. When any player, replaced player, substitute, coach, athletic trainer or other attendant enters and participates during a down
 - b. If an injured player is not replaced for at least one down; unless the halftime intermission or overtime intermission occurs.
 - c. To have 12 or more players participating at the snap or free kick
 - d. To use a player, replaced player, substitute, coach, athletic trainer or other attendant in a substitution or pretended substitution to deceive opponents at or immediately before the snap or kick
 - e. For a player to be lying on the ground to deceive opponents at or immediately before the snap or free kick
 - f. For a disqualified player to re-enter the game
 - g. For a player whose helmet comes completely off during a down to continue to participate beyond the immediate action in which the player is engaged

In conclusion here are a few quotes for all of us to use as reminders:

- "Every game is a new chance to improve and inspire fairness".
- "Stay focused, stay fair, and stay confident".
- "Concentrate, Concentrate, Concentrate! Don't let your mind wander".
- "See leather!" (referring to the ball).
- "Know your keys before every play".

As you hit the roads this week for your games, please remember to laugh with your crew members and establish positive relationships with coaches, players, and fans at your contests.

Football Teaching Tape

- a. Link: <https://youtu.be/ku6O026I2x0>
- b. Our sincere thanks to the crews featured in this week's film!

Thanks again to Chris Edwards for penning this week's training email!