



Greetings and welcome to the Fall Season.

Firstly, I am honored and delighted to have been elected as your President and I look forward to serving all the high school referees in Colorado.

With the first week of the new season behind us I wanted to pass on some general thoughts and feedback from referees, assigners and coaches to help us better manage our games.

1. Diagonal System of Control

This is a major change for us and will be a learning experience as we work throughout the season.

It may be obvious but a reminder that only the center referee uses a whistle.

With moving away from the 3-whistle system there may be a referee in your crew who hasn't used flags in a while – or ever. Work together to help each other and ensure you have a thorough pre game discussion. Everyone should carry a set of flags in their referee bag.

2. New Rules this season

There are several new rules this season – and 2 game management rules we need to keep on top of are:

a. Stop the clock in the last 5 minutes if the team leading makes a substitution

b. If you stop the game for an injury or another stoppage which isn't a foul – the restart is now a drop ball from the spot the ball was when the whistle was blown (unless the goalkeeper is in possession – the restart in that case is still an indirect free kick)

3. Test

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you take the online test

The test is on Arbiter - (ArbiterSports, account 103372 Central Hub, under TESTING).

4. Game Reports

Currently we require game reports to be submitted online for all Red cards and yellow to coaches.

Moving forward we'd like referees to report ALL yellow cards on the same online form. This is not mandatory but will help CHSAA with long term discipline and game management issues.

<http://www2.chsaa.org/officials/soccer/forms/report.asp>

As we move through the season please don't hesitate to contact me, any board member or your respective area directors with any concerns, issues or comments.

All contact details are on the HSSO website. <https://hss-colorado.org>

Thanks for all you do for high school sports and have a great season.

Cheers

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