

COIN TOSS:

Referee - Mid field, facing scoreboard

Linesman - Brings out captains of team on the chains side

Line judge - Brings out captains of team opposite of the chains

KICK OFF:

Referee - Stand in middle of the field, stand 5-yards behind the deepest returner

Linesman -Chains Sideline at K's restraining line (typically the 40-yard line)

Line judge – Sideline opposite chains at R's restraining line (typically the 50-yard line)

PUNTS:

Referee - Watches the snapper and the kicker

Linesman - Holds the line to make sure the ball crosses the line of scrimmage

Line judge - Go back with the return man, 5-yards behind, not on the field more than the numbers

FIELD GOALS/ EXTRA POINTS:

Referee - stand behind the kicker & holder, looking in at holder. have the uprights, signals good or no good

Linesman - holds the line, make sure the ball crosses the line of scrimmage, protect the kicker & holder

Line judge - stand under upright opposite chains, protect the snapper and then see if the ball goes over the crossbar. After the ball passes the goal line, blow the whistle.

If is a fake or bad snap:

Linesman moves to goal line

Line judge has endline

Referee has sideline opposite side of Linesman, has passer if ball is thrown

SCRIMMAGE PLAY POSITIONING OF OFFICIALS:

Referee - stands behind the quarter back about 10-12 yards, on the right side of formation

Linesman – line of scrimmage on the sideline with the chains

Line judge – line of scrimmage on the sideline opposite of the chains

KEYS FOR SCRIMMAGE PLAYS:

Referee - watches the quarterback, running backs, and helps out with offensive line for any movement (spots ball except on penalties)

Linesman & Line judge - watches all receivers and help out with tackle on near side for any movement.

RUNNING PLAYS:

Referee - trail the ball carrier. Once the ball carrier passes line of scrimmage stay back for clean up.
(spots ball except on penalties)

Linesman & Line judge - if ball carrier comes near side, step back let the ball carrier go by and trail the runner all the way down the field. The wing official whose side the ball is on watches ball carrier and the opposite wing official watches what is going on around the ball.

PASSING PLAYS:

Referee - Protects the quarterback and watches the offensive line

Linesman – Holds line of scrimmage

Line judge – Moves downfield with the receivers

MEASUREMENTS:

Referee – takes forward line to gain stick and places for measurement

Linesman - bring out the chains

Line judge - line up the linesman

PENALTIES:

Referee - Talks to the coach or captain and gives the penalty options and signal

Linesman & Line judge – Mark off the penalty enforcement. (whatever side the ball will be spotted, that wing official will mark off yardage)