

Five Man Mechanics					
Situation	R	U	HL	LJ	BJ
Concentration Routine	Clock Status (running/stopped) What is Down & Distance Count 11 Players Make sure QB or RB do not false start	Clock Status (running/stopped) What is Down & Distance Count 11 Players Watch for snap infractions	Clock Status (running/stopped) What is Down & Distance Count 11 Players Identify keys (Legal Formation?/ who's eligible?)	Clock Status (running/stopped) What is Down & Distance Count 11 Players Identify keys (Legal Formation?/ who's eligible?)	Clock Status (running/stopped) What is Down & Distance Count 11 Players Identify keys (Legal Formation?/ who's eligible?)
Pre-game	Visit with head coaches re: Introduce crew; properly and legally equipped; Captains?; Rules Points of emphasis (helmet contact); Medical person?; Chain Crew?; 12 min half +3; unusual plays, formations?; Coin toss at 5 til.	Accompany referee visiting coaches Rule on legal/illegal player equipment	Check line to gain equipment and meet with chain crew. Find out who is the ball boy Find out who is the get-back coach	Find out who is the ball boy & sescure kicking balls to give to Back Judge Find out who is the get-back coach	Meet with clock Operator and discuss signals and 12 minute timemout + 3 minute warm up period Sescure kicking balls from Line Judge
Coin Toss	Bring in captains from LJ side. Facing clock	Bring in captain from HL side	Instructing chain crew (or with Umpire)	L J side - Stop at hash marks on 50 yd line; Bring in your team's kicking balls from your sideline	HL side - Stop at hash marks on 50 yd line; Bring in your teams's kicking ball from your sideline
Kick-off (all officials count 11 before raising arm)	On Goal Line between hash and 9s, verify 4 players on each side of kicker; on HL side; cover ball/carrier to R25	R's 20 yard line on L J side. Watching for illegal play; Watch for Fair Catch signal; Mark OOB spot with flag if untouched by R; Cover runback on your side of the field	On R-30 Yard line. Have bean bag in hand ready to mark first touching by K; When ball passes expanded neutral zone, cover 15 yds downfield watching for illegal blocking; Watch for fair catch signal; (If ball is kicked into the ground and R gives a fair catch signal, the receiver is protected, but it is an invalid fair catch signal with PSK enforcement)	50 Yard line (opposite chain crew). Have bean bag in hand ready to mark first touching by K; When ball passes expanded neutral zone, cover 15 yds downfield watching for illegal blocking; Watch for fair catch signal; (If ball is kicked into the ground and R gives a fair catch signal, the receiver is protected, but it is an invalid fair catch signal with PSK enforcement). You have goal line on long run back.	Instruct Kicking Team about formation rule; Hand ball to K - Position at K 40 (chain crew side). Watch for K offside, kick punched into ground, watch for blocks on Kicker; After kick, run onto the field toward center of field and cover 15 yards downfield; You have goal line on long run backs

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Scrimmage/ Run plays	12 yards deep; throwing side of QB; count players and give closed fist signal; watching opposite tackle & backfield; trail runner keeping players in field of vision; stay with quarterback until play is over.	Spot ball and stay over until R gives ready for play signal; Double check all officials have correct down; Face Referee before ready for play signal; Position 6 yards off ball between guards; Count A players and give closed fist signal; Watch for holding on linemen; If run is between hash marks, you are covering official	Double check box for correct down; One yard off sideline; Signal on or off for player closest to you; Watch for false start and encroachment; Make sure A has at least 7 players on the line (tap flag if not); Cover man in motion going away from you for illegal motion. This man continues to be your responsibility, even though he changes direction. (Does not relieve opposite official from making obvious call); Key on tackle to read run or pass; Mark forward progress with one foot slightly in front of the other; Back out to mirror forward progress spot; On runs out of bounds, mark spot and continue watching action out of bounds; for plays that end close to the inbounds mark, give wind clock signal (then stop clock if first down).	One yard off sideline; Signal on or off for player closest to you; Watch for false start and encroachment; Make sure A has at least 7 players on the line (tap flag if not); Cover man in motion going away from you for illegal motion. This man continues to be your responsibility, even though he changes direction. (Does not relieve opposite official from making obvious call); Key on tackle to read run or pass; Mark forward progress with one foot slightly in front of the other; Back out to mirror forward progress spot; Stop the clock when you see A has made a 1st down; On runs out of bounds, mark spot and continue watching action out of bounds; for plays that end close to the inbounds mark, give wind clock signal (then stop clock if first down).	Line up 20-25 yards deep in B's secondary between goal posts; You always have 25 second clock; Count B players for 11 and give closed fist signal; Key on strong side wide receiver(s); You have ball and ball carrier for long runs; On short runs, watch in areas where other officials are not; Watch secondary for illegal action; must be at goal line before runner; Stay about 15 yards away from runner unless it's a long run that goes out of bound--then run to get the ball and relay in
Pass plays	Stay with QB at all times; If pass, back up diagonally from QB, keeping 7-10 yard cushion; Rule on roughing passer, illegal forward pass; intentional grounding	Move toward line at snap; Help on illegal forward pass, QB beyond line when throwing; Watch for ineligible downfield receivers; rule on tipped ball with tipped ball signal; Spin to help cover short passes over the middle.	Prepare to rule on forward or backward pass if thrown to your side (when in doubt, incomplete); key on on tackle to determine run or pass, but stay on line until receivers have gone 10-12 yards downfield or until runner crosses scrimmage line, then move downfield as play dictates; Rule on OPI & DPI	Prepare to rule on forward or backward pass if thrown to your side (when in doubt, incomplete); key on on tackle to determine run or pass, but stay on line until receivers have gone 10-12 yards downfield or until runner crosses scrimmage line, then move downfield as play dictates; Rule on OPI & DPI	Key on strong side wide receiver or inside two in trips; Cover deep receivers and keep head on a swivel; Watch for OPI and DPI--stay with keys until he can't foul or be fouled; Be in position to rule on plays on goal line and near end line.

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Goal Line (5-10 yard line)	Same as scrimmage play	Same as scrimmage play; Devise signal to give to flanks on ball in/out of end zone on up-the-middle plays	Give bean bag to "box guy" to mark line of scrimmage in case he needs to drop box on sideline play; If within 10 yards; slowly release to goal line, staying ahead of runner; If within 5 yard line, immediately release to goal line; Do not signal touchdown unless you are positive	If within 10 yards; slowly release to goal line, staying ahead of runner; If within 5 yard line, immediately release to goal line; Do not signal touchdown unless you are positive	Move to end line if play begins inside 15 yard line (going in); assume responsibility for end line coverage
Reverse goal line	Heels on end line, keeping all play in front of you	Same as scrimmage play	If within 3 yards from goal, release to goal line at snap and move to forward progress	If within 3 yards from goal, release to goal line at snap and move to forward progress	Same as scrimmage play
Punt	Position 5 yards outside tight end and 3 yards behind kicker on the side of his kicking leg; Rule on running into/roughing kicker; Be ready to cover action on blocked kick; If out of bounds, work with wing officials to mark OB spot; Coverage to goal line if runback is to goal line	Observe line play and watch for roughing the snapper; Be alert for fake; Turn and observe downfield play and blocking	Stay on the line until ball has crossed neutral zone and you are sure it won't bounce back; If ball goes out of bounds, be ready to mark spot working with referee.	Release on the snap down sideline observing blocks on in front of deep receivers; If ball goes out of bounds, be ready to mark spot working with referee.	On HL side, Position 10-12 yards wider and 2-3 yards behind deepest receiver; Watch for fair catch signal; Have two bean bags of different colors (one for marking possession or first touching or momentum exception and one for possible fumble; If ball goes out of bounds, be ready to mark spot working with referee; Release ball carrier to flanks and continue to officiate behind the play; Pivot around receiver - if he goes right, go left.
FG or PAT	Line up 3 yards behind and 5 yards to the side of kicker, facing holder; Be prepared to rule on roughing/running into kicker/holder	Line up over center, about 5 yards behind B's line; Be ready to rule on roughing the snapper	Stay on the line if holder's back is to you; Otherwise, go under goal posts to rule on good/no good; rule on neutral zone activity;	Stay on the line if holder's back is to you; Otherwise, go under goal posts to rule on good/no good; Rule on neutral zone activity;	Behind goal posts; Sound whistle when FG crosses goal line; Sound whistle when kicked on PAT

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Measuring	Covering official hold spot of forward progress; Work together to get ball to covering official; Determine and rule if line to gain has been made - Looking towards press box when checking	Covering official hold spot of forward progress; Work together to get ball to covering official; Take forward stake from chain crew and pull tight after HL says "ready"	Covering official hold spot of forward progress; Work together to get ball to covering official; secure clip at back edge of yard line closest to back stake; Grab clip and chain and jog onto field;	Covering official hold spot of forward progress; Work together to get ball to covering official; Help align linesman so measurement is accurate by making sure chains are lined up parallel to the sidelines	Covering official hold spot of forward progress; Work together to get ball to covering official; Hold down the ball during measurement (beyond the line to gain)