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45-Point (Running Clock) Rule:

The 45-point (running clock) rule will be in effect for 1A through 5A games for **ALL** rounds of the playoffs. The alternative plan will be used for all 6A games.

Overtime:

Please review Rule Book pages 91-92 which talk about resolving tied games. In Oregon, the first two series of overtime start from the **25 yard line**; the third and ensuing series begin at the **10 yard line**. Halftime is a good time to review the overtime rules and procedures. Remember, you only toss the coin once in overtime, and ends of the field may change with each complete overtime series.

Professionalism:

In the playoffs, we will work games involving teams from outside our normal service areas. It is important to be professional in our contacts with players, coaches and school administrators. Represent your local association well!

Several associations will travel long distances to work their playoff games. Allow plenty of time for road and weather conditions. Many crews conduct their pre-game conference in the car on the road to the game site. That's fine, but allow enough time to unwind, change clothes in a relaxed manner and go over last minute details before the opening kickoff.

Upping the Ante:

Playoff games are more intense as teams look to advance towards championship games. Be confident in your rules and mechanics knowledge and always work to get in the proper position to make your calls. Be prepared for the unexpected, such as an onside kick on the opening kickoff. Concentration between downs will help you prepare for the next play. Keep calm, don't be influenced by excited coaches, players and fans. People will be looking to see how you respond under pressure. Remember, a calm official has a calming effect on those around you.

I'm not suggesting that you are not going to miss one now and then, but it should not be from lack of effort, improper rules enforcement or poor mechanics. If you prepare yourself, know the game, know how to apply the rules, use proper positioning and mechanics and give 100% to every game, you and your crew members can feel proud of the game you have worked. **Finish The Season Strong!**

And Finally.....

This will be the last regular season bulletin. I am planning to issue one post-season bulletin during the playoffs.

I want to thank everyone who has sent me plays or questions. I hope my responses have been helpful and informative and useful to you and your association.

I hope all of you have had a great season; best of luck in the playoffs.

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