



OREGON ATHLETIC
OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

One Rule - One Interpretation - One Mechanic



OCEP PLAYOFF CERTIFICATION TRAINING

BALL MECHANICS



STYLES OF OFFENSES

OFFICIATING CREWS ARE PRESENTED WITH A NUMBER OF STYLES OF OFFENSES THAT CAN PRESENT CHALLENGES TO HAVING THE BALL SPOTTED FOR THE NEXT PLAY.



STYLES OF OFFENSES

- ◆ REGULAR (THERE IS A HUDDLE)
- ◆ NO HUDDLE
- ◆ HURRY UP WHERE TIME IS A FACTOR (NEAR THE END OF A HALF)
- ◆ HURRY UP WHERE TIME IS NOT A FACTOR (USED BY THE OFFENSE TO PUT THE DEFENSE AT A DISADVANTAGE)



OFFICIATING ISSUES COMMON TO ALL

THE NEED FOR THE CREW TO HAVE
AWARENESS OF

- ◆ GAME SITUATION
- ◆ THE OLD AND NEW BALLS (WHERE ARE THEY?)
- ◆ FIELD POSITION



OFFICIATING ISSUES COMMON TO ALL

THE NEED FOR THE CREW TO HAVE
AWARENESS OF

THE NEED FOR THE CREW TO HUSTLE,
BUT MAINTAIN DEAD BALL/OFF BALL
AWARENESS

THE NEED FOR THE CREW TO
COMMUNICATE THE STATUS OF THE OLD
AND NEW BALL



HAVING A ROUTINE READY FOR PLAY SEQUENCE

USE A ROUTINE READY FOR PLAY
SEQUENCE FOR ALL TYPES OF OFFENSES
EXCEPT FOR A HURRY UP WHERE TIME IS AN
ISSUE.

THAT MEANS HAVING A CONSISTANT TEMPO
FROM THE END OF A PLAY TO THE READY
FOR PLAY



SPOTTING THE BALL

SOME TIPS:

IF SPOTTING THE OLD BALL, AVOID “WALLS” THAT U, WINGS, R, AND B WON'T PASS.

DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO GET THE BALL SPOTTED INCLUDING TRIANGLES, TROTting TO BALL AND SPOT.

CUT DOWN DISTANCE ON TOSSES.



SPOTTING THE BALL

MORE TIPS:

SOMETIMES THAT MEANS THE WING HAS TO HOLD THE SPOT A BIT LONGER

IF SPOTTING A NEW BALL, CUT DOWN DISTANCE TO THE NEW BALL. (DON'T JUST STAND AND WAIT)

DON'T GET THE OLD BALL IF A NEW ONE IS COMING – JUST WORRY ABOUT THE NEW ONE.



PREGAME PREPARATION

HAVE A SOLID PREGAME DISCUSSION AMONGST THE CREW CONCERNING BALL MECHANICS AND WHAT HELP THAT THE UMPIRE NEEDS

THE UMPIRE SHOULD MEET WITH COACHES TO BE SURE THAT HURRY UP MEANS HURRY UP AND NO NEW BALL DURING HURRY UP. ALSO COVER THAT HURRY UP TRUMPS WET BALL MECHANICS.



PREGAME PREPARATION

THE UMPIRE SHOULD MEET WITH THE BALL PERSONS AND BALL PERSON SUPERVISION AND COVER REGULAR, HURRY UP, AND WET BALL (IF APPLICABLE)



“WET BALL” MECHANICS

ALL THE TIPS ABOVE THAT APPLY TO SPOTTING A NEW BALL APPLY

IT WILL HELP IF THE CREW KNOWS IN ADVANCE WHAT THE COACH WANTS IF FACED WITH A HURRY UP SITUATION WHILE USING WET BALL MECHANICS – WHICH TAKES PRECEDENT



“WET BALL” MECHANICS

IF A BALL IS WET, BUT YOU ARE STILL USING IT, GET IT COMPLETELY WIPE OFF, UNLESS TIME IS AN ISSUE

WHEN HOLDING A NEW BALL UNDER A TOWEL DUE TO RAIN, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE SPOT CLEARLY IDENTIFIED



“HURRY UP” OFFENSE MECHANICS

WHEN TIME IS AN ISSUE AND THE TEAM GOES INTO UP HURRY UP MODE, IT IS CRITICAL THAT OFFICIALS DO NOT BECOME A FACTOR IN THE OUTCOME

OFFICIALS MUST DO WHAT THEY CAN TO GET A BALL SPOTTED SO THAT THE OFFENSE CAN SNAP THE BALL WHEN THEY ARE READY



“HURRY UP” OFFENSE MECHANICS

THERE IS A PARTICULAR ONUS ON THE UMPIRE, BUT THE ENTIRE CREW MUST:

- HUSTLE TO THE OLD BALL
- GET THE BALL ON THE GROUND AT THE NEW SPOT
- DON'T WORRY ABOUT INCHES – IT IS A 1ST DOWN OR NOT
- DON'T STOP DEAD BALL OFFICIATING