**Sioux Empire Football Officials’ Clinic (6/20 & 21/2022)**

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1. Preparation
   1. Why do you want to officiate & why are you here?
   2. Appearance – (Be good at the things not requiring talent)
   3. Body, posture, physique – Be the best YOU can be
      1. Uniform – “Shine your shoes”
2. Rule knowledge – Rule 2, Definitions
3. Base Positions & Reads – What is your position? \* Work Multiple Positions
4. Mechanics - Signals – Use Authorized Signals ONLY – Why?
5. Philosophy “provide each team the opportunity to compete within the rules”
6. Thoughts to take with you
   1. Listen before talking, “Silence can’t be quoted”
   2. Hustle, but don’t hurry
   3. Trust your crew members, be a good “crewmate” as **you can’t work the game alone**
   4. You never know who is watching
   5. It is never too late to get it right
   6. Patience, the value of *experience*
7. Mentors – Identify good role models
   1. Someone who will tell you **what you *need* to hear**
   2. **“Be yourself”** vs. trying to be “someone else”. Take the attributes you see in others that you think will work for you. In time, YOUR style will develop ---- “Let it happen”.
8. Pre-snap routine for every play
   1. Following a tough call, get to your routine
9. Make the call, courage
   1. Timing - “Every play has a beginning and an end, evaluate and then make your decision” **(Begins ……… Evaluate ……… Decide) “**Patience”
10. Communication with players, coaches & fans
    1. Verbal and non-verbal (Body Language)
    2. Build relationships
    3. **When coach questions a call you feel to be correct**
    4. **When coach questions a call you feel you missed**
    5. **Conflict: You’re right & I’m wrong, I’m right & you’re wrong or it is too close to tell**
11. Side Line Management
    1. “Reasonable Questions” vs. “Statements”
    2. “Head Coach” vs. “Assistant Coach”
    3. Threats, “You’ll never work here again”
12. **Commitment - Synonyms ……**
    1. **Synonyms: pledge, dedication, loyalty, allegiance ….**
    2. **Honor your assignments**
13. **Axioms**
    1. **“Rule #1: Don’t call anything you can’t explain”**
    2. **“Answer Reasonable questions in a reasonable amount of time”**
    3. **“Don’t respond to statements”**
    4. **“If you don’t *know,* shut up as silence can’t be quoted”**