



# 2024 FHSAA Football 5 Person Crew Mechanics “Cheat Sheet”

2024	FHSAA	Position	Breakdown	5 Person	Crew
	Referee	Umpire	Head L	Line J	Back J
<b>COIN TOSS</b>	Enter field with captains at 0:00, press box side, speaking captain next to you, your back to scoreboard.	Enter field with captains, opposite press box side, speaking captain opposite you, your face to scoreboard.	Have captains READY and escort to hash, STOP at hash, keep your team back.	Have captains READY and escort to hash, STOP at hash, keep your team back. Have ball boys READY!	Be on opposite press box side. After coin toss, obtain proper ball from LJ.
<b>KICKOFF</b>	Count R. Be at hash on goal line, opposite press box side. Sound the ready for play after BJ gives kicking team instructions and arrives at sideline.	Count R. Be on sideline at R's 20-yd line, press box side. Ball boys should be with you.	Count R. Be on sideline at R's 30-yd line, opposite press box side.	Count R and K. Be on sideline at R's restraining line, press box side. Watch for low blocks and first touching. Maintain buffer with U.	Count K. Be at K's restraining line. Hand ball to kicker and give instructions. Move to sideline opposite press box side. After kick, come out onto field to hash. Responsible for goal line.
<b>ON-SIDE</b>	Be on goal line by yourself. All 4 other officials are up field.	Be on sideline at R's restraining line, press box side. Did ball go 10 yds, strike ground, get touched?	Be on sideline at R's restraining line, opposite press box side. Did ball go 10 yds, strike ground, get touched?	Be on sideline at K's restraining line, press box side. Did ball go 10 yds, strike ground, get touched?	Be at K's restraining line. Instruct and hand ball to kicker, move to sideline. Did ball go 10 yds, strike ground, get touched?
<b>SCRIMMAGE PLAYS</b>	Count A. Initial position is 12-14 yds deep on QB's passing arm side. Keys are, at first, tackle on opposite side, then QB. Move to view running lanes sideline to sideline.	Count A. Initial position is 5-8 yds deep and opposite R. Keys are guard, center, guard. Also assist with the tackle nearest to R.	Count B. Initial position is sideline (off field) and on LOS. You have ALL forward progress. Key is widest WR on your side if balanced formation, or is inside WR on your side and/or backs in backfield if BJ is keying widest WR on your side.	Count B. Initial position is sideline (off field) and on LOS. You have ALL forward progress. Key is inside WR on your side and/or backs in backfield if balanced formation, or is widest WR if unbalanced formation and BJ is keying off HL side.	Count B. Initial position is 20 yds deep. Key is widest WR on LJ side in balanced formation, or is widest WR on multiple-receiver set.
<b>RUN</b>	Watch blocks in running lanes on front side at point of attack.	Watch blocks on interior line and on back side at point of attack.	Trail play and watch for penalties at point of attack. Watch runner's feet when close to sideline.	Trail play and watch for penalties at point of attack. Watch runners' feet when close to sideline.	Monitor dead ball areas and clean up out of bounds if needed.
<b>PASS</b>	Watch tackle on opposite side at the snap, then observe and stay with QB until he is no longer threatened. After the pass, watch QB and not ball. Follow QB out of bounds into the side zone if he scrambles. Rule on pass vs. fumble, roughing the passer, and intentional grounding.	After you read pass, move up to line of scrimmage and watch for ineligible downfield. After pass is thrown, turn and assist behind you.	Watch for and be prepared to rule on forward vs. backward passes. Watch for illegal forward passes beyond LOS. Assist with watching for ineligible downfield and backs catching screen passes PAST LOS. For passes near sideline area, communicate with BJ on catch/no catch.	Watch for and be prepared to rule on forward vs. backward passes. Watch for illegal forward passes beyond LOS. Assist with watching for ineligible downfield and backs catching screen passes PAST LOS. For passes near sideline area, communicate with BJ on catch/no catch.	Keep all players in front of you and don't get beaten deep. When LOS is outside 20-yd line, cover the goal line. When LOS is at or inside 20-yd line, prior to the snap, position yourself on the end line.

2024	Referee	Umpire	Head L	Line J	Back J
<b>SCRIMMAGE KICKS</b>	Initial position is 2 yards behind kicker at top of #'s on kicking leg side.	Initial position is 10 yards deep. After the snap, let first wave pass, then turn and monitor blocks.	After the snap, hold on LOS until kick has crossed expanded neutral zone, then move downfield. Watch for illegal blocks in first wave. Take all forward progress. Mark kicks out of bounds on your side.	At the snap, release and then quickly move downfield. Watch for illegal blocks by R during the kick. Take all forward progress. Mark kicks out of bounds on your side.	Initial position is 2 yds behind and 10 yds wide of deepest receiver on HL side. Prior to the snap, instruct receiver(s) on legality of fair catch signals. Cover any fair catch. Watch for KCI. Drop bean bag for PSK spot.
<b>SCORING KICKS</b>	Initial position is 2 yards behind kicker and plenty wide on side facing the holder.	Initial position is opposite R. Responsible for tackles, guards and snapper. Watch for contact to snapper. You must know any numbering exceptions for entire LOS.	If you see holder's FACE, your initial position is under goal posts with BJ. Else, your initial position is LOS. After ball has been kicked, crash in to help clean up LOS. If under goal posts during botched attempt, crash in to goal line.	If you see holder's FACE, your initial position is under goal posts with BJ. Else, your initial position is LOS. After ball has been kicked, crash in to help clean up LOS. If under goal posts during botched attempt, crash in to goal line.	Initial position is under upright opposite HL or LJ, depending on holder. Responsible for crossbar and for upright on your side. Blow whistle when kick crosses goal line. During botched attempt, hold the end line.
<b>MEASUREMENTS &amp; CHANGE OF QUARTERS</b>	Judge measurement for first down. ----- Get down, distance, clip and spot from HL. Agree with U and go to new spot.	After LJ is standing on clip and is ready, pull front stake forward until chain is tight. ----- Get down, distance, clip and spot from HL. Agree with R and go to new spot with ball.	Move down box to front stake. Take clip in hand and move out on field, to LJ's foot. Do not cross the ball. ----- Give down, distance, clip and spot to R and U. Escort chains to opposite end of field.	Move out on field and place your foot on solid yd line aligning with clip. Have BJ line you up so chains will not cross the ball. ----- Go to proper NEW spot at opposite end of field.	Hold ball, your backside facing downfield. ----- After HL has given down, distance, clip and spot to R and U, take down box man to new spot at opposite end of field.
<b>PENALTY ENFORCEMENT</b>	Receive the who, what, and where concerning the foul. Confirm with U on penalty enforcement. Use good mechanics.	Walk off the penalty with HL. Along with HL, confirm correct enforcement with LJ.	Walk off the penalty with U. Along with U, confirm correct enforcement with LJ.	Move to succeeding spot. Watch and confirm.	Watch and confirm.
<b>GOING IN 5 TO G</b>	Watch for and be prepared to rule on forward vs. backward passes (wings are covering goal line and cannot assist).	Move up to LOS and watch for illegal forward passes beyond LOS (wings are covering goal line and cannot assist).	Immediately after the snap, move to goal line and then work back. Crash in on close play at goal line to get spot.	Immediately after the snap, move to goal line and then work back. Crash in on close play at goal line to get spot.	Prior to the snap, position yourself on the end line.
<b>GOING OUT REVERSE G</b>	Responsible for end line. Work with HL and LJ on any play resulting in a safety.	Move up to LOS and watch for illegal forward passes beyond LOS (wings are covering goal line and cannot assist).	Immediately after the snap, move to goal line and then work back. Assist on any play resulting in a safety.	Immediately after the snap, move to goal line and then work back. Assist on any play resulting in a safety.	Normal.
<b>POINTS OF EMPHASIS</b>	Assist wings with dead ball officiating when play occurs near sideline.	Whichever wing official is closer to R/U/BJ, bring water to them during ALL timeouts. Do not bunch up, does not look good.	Keeping sidelines clear will allow chains to move. Make sure down box and chains move only when you tell them to.	Box teams in during timeouts. After BJ whistles, start pushing teams back onto field.	HAVE FUN AND HUSTLE! Mistakes will happen, have a short memory and move on to the next play! Coaches cannot quote silence!