



Australian Gridiron Officiating



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What are your Pre Game Duties

- Arrival and purpose
- Uniform
- Field Safety Requirements
- Coin toss
- Sideline
- Applying the Rules
- Personal Safety





Wing Officials

The Wing Officials

- Manage the sideline and in/out of bounds
- Drive the game pace through adjudication of forward progress
- Often a start point for inexperienced member of the crew

Expert in:

- Sideline management

Responsibilities

- Off field
 - Brief chain crew
 - Be on field on time
- On field
 - Responsible for their sideline
 - Responsible for the line of scrimmage and line to gain
 - Close interaction with team
 - Drives the pace of the game through swift adjudication of dead ball and first downs
 - Usually responsible for receivers and ends
 - Observes fouls especially sideline infractions and late hits



Who are the Officials?



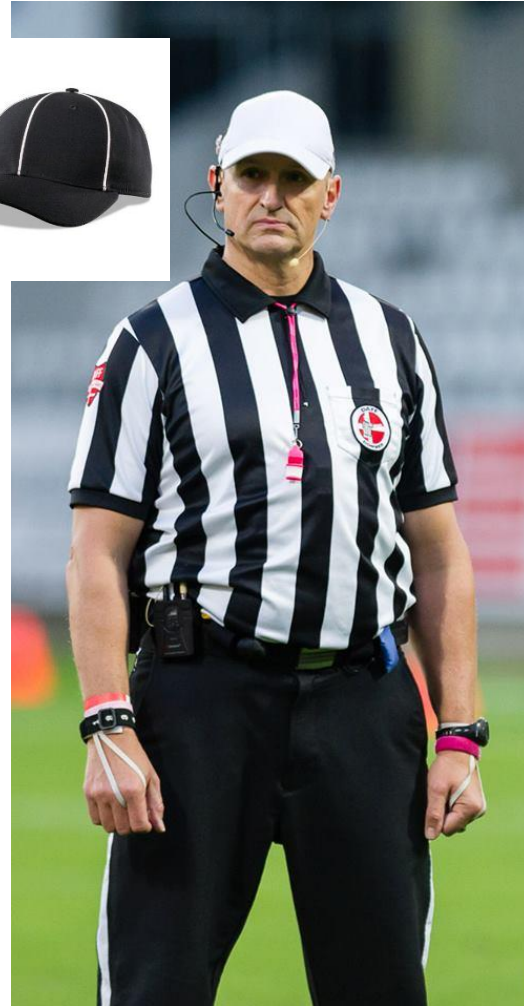
The Officials

- Are the Third Team
- Ensure everyone plays by the rules
- Respect the game
- Need to be fit enough to keep up with play
- Need good judgement



Uniform

- Cap (Black or White)
- Striped Shirt
- Pants
- Shoes



- Whistle
- Penalty Flags
- Bean bags
- Down counter
- Stop watch





Officials Ethics and Code of Conduct

- Like Coaches, Officials have an Ethics and Code of Conduct Statement
- ***It is intended for all Officials no matter what level who are officiating games in Australia***
- All Officials need to be familiar with the AGOA Code of Conduct, including the legal obligations regarding
 - Duty of care for safety of players
 - Ethics
 - Conflict of Interest
 - Gender Equity
- All officials are required to review the Code of Conduct annually and affirm their agreement



AGOA Code of Officiating Behavior - Critical Points for You

For all involved in the sport:

- Player Safety is our primary duty
- Work within the rules
- Fair play
- Respect players and others involved

Individually:

- Act with integrity, objectivity, control and courtesy
- Discourage or prevent unsporting, abusive, harmful or harassing behaviour

Your Decisions

- Accept responsibility.
- Be consistent and impartial.
- Contribute to safety
- Respect decisions

Underage of 18 - GA now requires all officials to have a Working with vulnerable people check

Drugs and Alcohol - Avoid alcohol and other drugs before games.





Common Sense Officiating

- Call fouls on the basis of **safety and effect**
- Decide on the **facts** – **don't guess**
- If you are wrong, **admit it**, and correct it if possible
- Always **speak calmly and politely** to players and coaches
- Let the **players play football**
 - Use exams to demonstrate your rules knowledge
 - [See Also - MOFO Section 5.2 Common Sense Officiating](#)



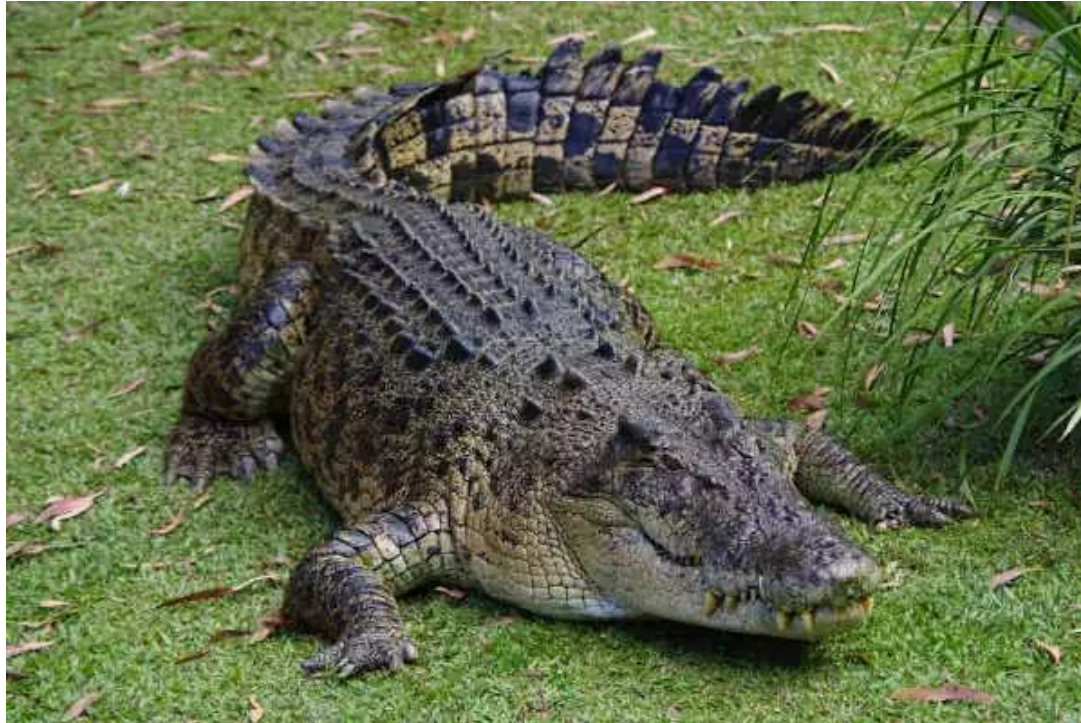
Summary - Responsibilities

- Our primary role is player safety
- Know the rules and ensure the players play fairly
- If it looks wrong or dangerous – say something
- Support the officiating team and they will support you
- Uphold your ethical responsibilities
- Avoid conflicts of interest or declare them



Our approach to fouls.....

CROCODILES



NOT CRICKETS!





- ~~What you need to do before the Game~~
- What happens at the Kick Off
- What to look for on Scrimmage Plays
 - Runs
 - Passes
 - Kicks
 - Field Goals
- Reporting what you saw
- Other things to help with

END OF PART 1



*Your companion
Ron the Rookie....*



The End

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