

Final Preparations

Make sure to have your FHSAA official's patch displayed either on your clothing or a lanyard.

Review the "Points of Emphasis" in the Rule Book and the "Officials Code of Ethics" as well.

It is often difficult for coaches to cover the rules thoroughly. They are charged with teaching/coaching a great variety of events in a short period of time. **This makes it extremely important for us to review the rules for each event as we officiate it. This is a valuable service we can provide.** The Official's Manual is a great help in this regard.

Two items found in the Points of Emphasis that we should pay special attention to are violation reporting and rule enforcement. Each of us should carry a "Violation Report Form" at all times. This enables you to detail the nature of the incident and have a record for later reference if needed. Lionel and I usually have a supply of them and can provide you with one.

As noted, rule enforcement should commence at the first meet of the season and continue throughout the remainder of the season. Often we are asked to 'cut a little slack' at early meets. It is a good time to teach rules, practice preventive officiating, and to lay the groundwork for expectations.

Make sure the Meet Manager knows you are coming (perhaps you can weasel your assignment out of him/her) - be on time - good luck and enjoy yourself.