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Requirements on number of officials to start football events

To ALL 168 NHFOA Members:

No NHFOA assigned football event shall **start** with less than (see below) officials on the field, physically capable of officiating event.

Delay start of event if official arrives late to event. All officials shall plan advance arrival time in accordance with NHFOA and NFHS rules. Late arriving and or absent officials are to be reported to commissioner for disciplinary action.

Events:

CS = Controlled Scrimmage (coaches on field)

GS = Game scrimmage (coaches on sideline) - regardless of kicking and kick return rules

RG = Regular Game (all other games)

Split field scrimmages (multiple scrimmages on same game field) are treated as Controlled Scrimmages

High School Varsity

CS: 4 officials

GS: 5 officials

RG: 5 officials

Private School Varsity

CS: 4 officials

GS: 6 officials

RG: 6 officials

High School Sub Varsity

CS, GS, RG: 4 officials

Private School Sub Varsity

CS, GS, RG: 4 officials

Youth League (below grade 9) assigned by NHFOA

CS, GS, RG: 3 officials

If, during the course of an event, an official is unable to continue due to injury the officials may continue to officiate with one less official. Reduction of crew by 2 or more officials is the decision, responsibility and liability of the remaining crew members.

Adding a non-NHFOA certified official to the crew is **not** acceptable.

NHIAA scrimmages and games must be officiated by NHIAA Registered Official.

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