

Brother & Sister Officials,

I would like to introduce myself to those of you that do not know me and give those of you that I have the pleasure of knowing and working with a refresher course. The purpose of this introduction/refresh is because I would like to have the honor of representing you on the NHFOA counsel.

I was patched into the organization in the fall of 2008 with my first introduction into the NHFOA at the hands of Brother Colburn, what an education that was. I still use many of his axioms to remember rules and situations.

Over last 10+ years or so I have seen NHFOA change mostly for the better. I believe, after discussions with fellow officials, that there are still areas for improvement. It is my opinion that any organization that wants to reduce misunderstandings amongst its rank and file there needs to be transparency. With that said, with your support, I would like to see "how the sausage is made" and report back to the group.

I played and coached football. I will admit that I played better than I coached, I probably would have been better at both had I picked up a rule book. My formal rules training was from laying on my back on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. What an eye opener it was to step on the field with stripes for the first time and deal with irate coaches. I have been paying my penance for my indiscretions as a coach, dealing with the future Belichicks of NH ever since. That is one of the reasons I moved into the middle as an umpire. The only thing that is wrong with H.S. & youth sports is the adults. The vast majority of the players just want to play. I enjoy working in the middle with the "big boys" where all the real work gets done.

Personally/professionally, I live in Amherst with my wife. We have four adult children and five grandchildren. I would like to help preserve the sport of football for my grandchildren present and future. I believe that team sports give the individual life lessons that will influence the person for their whole life. I am an electrical engineer for the past 30+ years and try to bring logic into any situation that I am involved with.

That's me in a nutshell, any other questions shoot me an email or give me a call. I would appreciate your support.

Regards,

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