

2010 NCAA Coordinator Updates

- On an injury, a player **MUST** stay out of the game for one play and the intent of the new emphasis is to require teams to have a process for evaluation of the player. Therefore, the team ***cannot take a timeout to buy the player back into the game - he must stay out for one play.*** If it is the last play of the half, common sense and intent of the rule will allow for the halftime to be sufficient time for assessment of the injury and he could play to start the third quarter. The group was presented with an excellent presentation on concussions and why this is being emphasized. We will discuss this further at the clinic and provide hints on how officials can help recognize early symptoms of this condition.
- Rogers cleared up several questions that have come up as a result of the new wedge rule. ***“If an illegal wedge forms clearly before the touchback, it is still a foul.”*** If the wedge forms simultaneous or nearly simultaneous with a touchback, then we would not want it called. ***“When in question, it is not a foul.”*** We will use “Illegal Wedge Formation” as announcement and this is not considered an “unsportsmanlike foul” but rather just a non-contact foul, so ***we do not want to announce that it is a UNS.*** Therefore, violations of this rule will NOT be considered as unsportsmanlike acts and will not be subject to the same 2 X UNS and a player is ejected by rule. We will have plays at the summer clinic to discuss this further and the CFO website will also have a video at the beginning of the season that will illustrate this new rule.
- The CFO website video and training materials schedule was outlined and will provide significantly more video material for this season. This will allow more officials to gain access to more information and to have the benefit of video that is produced by different conferences to be more easily shared within a larger national network to continue moving the goal of consistency in officiating forward. The site is available now for officials who were members last year to re-enroll, or for new members to join. <http://cfo.arbitersports.com/FRONT/104777/Site>
- It was approved for the 2011 season that the college uniform for football officials will include a jersey with 2" stripes rather than the current 1" stripe. We will use the current 1" striped shirts this year and make the change next season.