

INTER-ASSOCIATION COUNCIL OF ATHLETIC OFFICIALS

New Officials Football Class
Module 4
Positions & Mechanics Overview

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Position Overview

- ◎ Upon completing Module 4, the student should:
 - Be able to identify all 5 officiating positions
 - Have a general understanding of each official's duties and responsibilities
 - Understand the basic positioning and responsibilities of each official when using 5, 4, 3, or 2-person crews

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Positions

- ◎ 5 Person Crew
 - Referee (R)
 - Umpire (U)
 - Linesman (L)
 - Line Judge (LJ)
 - Back Judge (BJ)

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Referee & Umpire

- ◎ Referee (the "White Hat")
 - Head official on field
 - Conducts coin flip
 - Signals and enforces penalties
 - Normally positioned in offensive backfield
- ◎ Umpire (works "the pits")
 - Handles ball
 - Walks off penalties
 - Works with offensive & defensive lines
 - Normally positioned just behind defensive line

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Wings & Back Judge

- ◎ Linesman & Line Judge (the "Wings")
 - Linesman has chains & chain crew
 - Both have sideline and bench area responsibilities
 - Both normally start on respective sideline
- ◎ Back Judge
 - Key role in passing game / long runs
 - Normally positioned in defensive backfield

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5-Person Crew Basic Positions

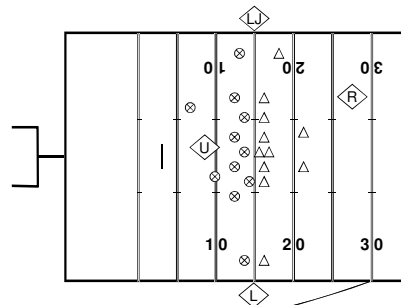
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Using Less than 5 Officials

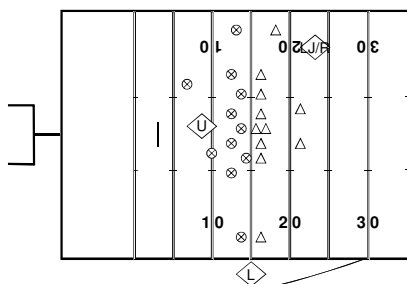
- All duties & responsibilities of a 5-person crew need to be addressed.
- This requires crews of less than 5 officials to double and sometimes triple up on those duties and responsibilities.

4-Person Crew Basic Positions



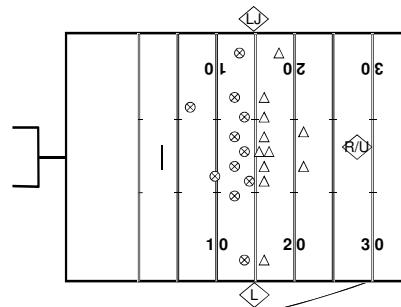
3-Person Crew Basic Positions

(1st option)

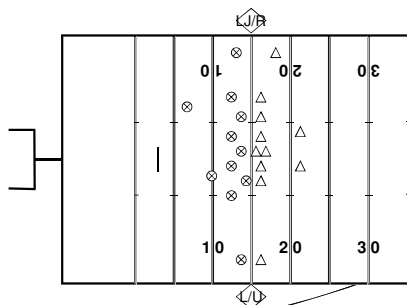


3-Person Crew Basic Positions

(2nd option)



2-Person Crew Basic Positions



Review

- Which official is the head official on the field?
- Which official works with the chain crew?
- Which official is mainly responsible for the ball?

Review

What are the names of the two officiating positions indicated by "X?" & "Y?" in the diagram to the right?

The diagram shows a football field with yard lines and numbers 10, 20, and 30 on both sides. An official is marked with 'X?' at the top center (20-yard line). Another official is marked with 'Y?' on the left side (10-yard line). Other officials are marked with 'L' at the bottom center, 'R' at the right end zone, and 'BJ' on the left side (10-yard line).

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Review

What is the name of the officiating position indicated by "X?" in the diagram to the right?

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