

DETROIT PAL FOOTBALL OBESERVATION FORM

Game/Site _____

Date _____ Level: D C B A

Observer/Team _____

Signals and Mechanics: The official gives clear and authoritative signals in a smooth, relaxed style that projects confidence and does not draw undue attention to the official. The official shall coordinate the voice and signals to give a professional appearance. All signals and mechanics used are those prescribed in the *NFHS Football Officials Manual* and *NFHS Football Rules* book.

PAL/NFHS Playing Rules Application: The official demonstrates proper understanding the PAL/ NFHS playing rules by consistently applying the rules, and subsequent penalties when applicable. The official does not confuse PAL/NFHS rules with other rules codes (NCAA, NFL) when working a scholastic contest.

Use of Common Sense: The official demonstrates a use of common sense when applying the rules correctly and consistently. The official understands the importance of player safety and manages the game accordingly. The official understands the difference between fouls at the point of attack versus fouls that occur away from the play and have no bearing on that play.

Game Management: The official maintains professional control during the contest, while not being overly aggressive or overbearing. He/she effectively communicates as necessary with contest personnel, and handles difficult situations appropriately (sideline issues, warnings, penalties, ejections, etc) in light of the game situation.

Hustle: The official displays movement with a purpose during a play to get into *proper position* to cover plays. The distance to be covered by the official will often dictate the speed or method the official uses to get into position (i.e., running vs. jogging).

Fraternization: The official avoids excessive, casual and/or unnecessary conversation with coaches, student-athletes or other game personnel during a contest. At no time is the official to converse with or address spectators during the game.

Note: "NA" means not applicable or observed

	<u>Exceeds Standard</u>	<u>Meets Standard</u>	<u>Below Standard</u>		
Signals & Mechanics	1	2	3	4	5
PAL/NFHS Playing Rules Application	1	2	3	4	5
Use of Common Sense	1	2	3	4	5
Game Management	1	2	3	4	5
Hustle	1	2	3	4	5
Fraternization	1	2	3	4	5

***** RATINGS OF 4 or 5 MUST INCLUDE COMMENTS ON NEXT PAGE*****

Officials Number	Officials position	Signals & Mechanics	PAL/NFHS Rules	Common Sense	Game Management	Hustle	Fraternization

Form must be submitted by 6:00 pm Tuesday following the game (see bylaws for submission process).

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COMMENTS