**Liability Checklist**

Stepping on to the field brings with it a risk of liability exposure. There are things that us as officials can do to mitigate the risk.

**Before the game**

* Conduct pre-game officials conference in private
* Review recent rules and mechanics changes that apply, These include safety rules (ie: jewelry), bench conduct, taunting, end of game mechanics, ejection situations and concussion rules.
* Perform all pregame responsibilities
* Identify the site manager
* If needed review security procedures and crowd control
* Be on the field at the proper time
* Maintain the appearance of impartiality
* Conduct a proper pregame conference at the plate
* Confirm availability of medical personnel

**Facilities and equipment**

* Inspect field
* Confirm with coach that equipment is legal
* No jewelry allowed by rule (medical and religious OK if secure)

**Game control**

* Always keep an eye on players and benches
* When infractions occur penalize appropriately
* DO NOT allow taunting or baiting
* Be aware of remarks about race, religion disability etc.
* Penalize unsportsmanlike or other illegal contact
* Don’t permit players to fight
* Don’t threaten participants
* Don’t engage in discussion concerning prior actions of a player or coach involved in an ejection
* Don’t police suspensions – this is up to schools
* Do not speak to spectators directly. If any issues have site manager deal with them.

**Postgame Mechanics**

* Follow procedures outlined in rules
* Leave together as a crew
* Do not give media statements or interviews. This includes social media.
* Don’t remain on the field – game over, get off
* Prepare reports as needed by using facts and rule references, not personal opinions.
* Do not talk about any game assignments on social media.