



Objective: To provide Officials with a quick reference on how to report a foul and how a Referee should announce the foul.

- A. Best practice-Official to Referee**
 - B. Best practice-Referee Reporting Foul**
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How to Report a Foul to The Referee

A. Best practice for the sequence of reporting a foul to referee

- When and who should approach the referee and provide foul information?
 - 1 Flag: The calling official should report the foul to the Referee.
 - 2 or more flags: After conferring with the other calling officials (away from Referee/players/coaches), only one official should report to the Referee.
- Using deliberate and concise communication (slow and deliberate), advise the Referee:
 - Result of the play
 - Incomplete/completed pass short/beyond the line to gain
 - When did the foul occur?
 - During the run, prior to the snap, during the pass while the ball was in the air, during the run back, etc.
 - What foul did you observe, be descriptive?
 - Holding, Block in Back, etc.
 - Who committed the foul?
 - Player Number
 - Which team committed the foul?
 - Offense, Defense, Kicking Team, Receiving Team, etc.
 - Location of foul
 - "My flag is good"



NOTE: If the offending team is on the opposite side of the official(s) who called the foul, let the official across from you or the back judge, know what the call was for: play through, hold and restrict, etc.

Sequence of how a referee should verbalize reporting a foul

Best Practice for the sequence of how a Referee should make verbal announcements.

- Foul
 - Holding, Facemask, etc.
- Number
 - Player number
- Team
 - Offense, Defense, Kicking Team, Receiving Team, etc.
- Penalty
 - 10-yard penalty, Declined, etc.
- Down
 - 1st Down, 2nd Down, etc.

NOTE: There are also best practice mechanics regarding how a Referee gives signals during announcement.

- Always indicate the down after the announcement with the “down field” hand
- No pointing: when indicating which team committed the foul, extend the hand with the palm down
- Stand in one place when giving your announcement
- Face press box

Quick Reference URL Location:

<http://www.ccfoa.us/downloads>

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