



Chief Bench Official Roles and Responsibilities

2018 GHSA Playoffs

NFHS Rule 2-7

1. A Chief Bench Official (CBO) shall supervise over and hold complete jurisdiction over timekeepers, scorers, coaches, substitutes and any other personnel within the bench areas, penalty box and scoring table area.

Prior to the game, the CBO should:

- a. Meet with the game clock operator and review proper GHSA and NFHS timing rules.
 - b. Review with the table personnel their responsibilities and explain your role.
 - c. Ensure that there is a mechanism to communicate with the booth clock operator.
 - d. Oversee operation of the table horn.
2. The CBO shall wear the same uniform, as the on field referees and equipped with a signal flag and whistle.
 3. The CBO Shall be empowered to:
 - a. Count the number of long crosses.
 - b. Call any unsportsmanlike acts that occur within the coaches, bench and table areas.
 - c. Call any illegal crosse exchange.
 - d. Call illegal or delayed substitutions.
 - e. Call too many players on the field.
 - f. Call Offsides.
 - g. Grant Time outs.
 4. Where the CBO becomes aware of any of the a violation, he shall, depending on the circumstances, either throw a signal flag or blow his whistle and apply the appropriate penalty.

If the CBO becomes aware of a player committing an act of flagrant misconduct or an on-field situation, which could affect safety, and these are unlikely to have been seen by the on-field officials, the CBO shall either throw a signal flag or blow his whistle, as appropriate, and after play has stopped, inform the Referee of what has happened and the CBO shall make the appropriate call.

5. The CBO shall oversee penalty administration and:
 - a. Ensure that the table personnel accurately understand who the infraction is on, and the amount of time to be served.
 - b. Ensure that the correct player serves his time (note that a coach can substitute for the player serving time when the release is imminent – last five seconds or so).
 - c. Ensure that release occurs at the proper time and not before.
 - d. If a player releases early, the CBO will note the time, which team has possession and, at the next dead ball, double tap the horn and inform the closest official on the game.
 - e. Ensure that during a faceoff a player may not release until possession has been called.
 - f. If the table uses a timing device separate from the game clock, monitor for accuracy.
 - g. Notify the nearest official if any player has incurred 5 minutes of personal fouls.