



NEW MEXICO YOUNG AMERICA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

As Players Prepare, So Do Officials

EMBASSY SUITES On Saturday, July 25 The NMYAFL Officials Association conducted its pre-season Officiating Clinic.

The officials participated in a full day of instruction and film review to prepare for the upcoming season. The days agenda included:

- Working with Coaches - Tom Bellar, former Big 12 official.
- Physical Conditioning and Health - Dexter Henderson, former NFL player
- Having Fun and Growing as an Official - Bob Collins, former MWC Official
- New Rules for 2015
- Film Review

All in attendance agreed this was one of the best clinics NMYAFL has ever conducted and all look forward too a successful year.

To learn more, please contact the officials at: officials@nmyafl.org



NMYAFL Executive Director Bill Blair opens the Officiating Clinic

2015 Rule Changes

NMYAFL Officials Association President Mel Alires presents the new NFHS Rules to the officials.

Specifically, new rules changes continue to focus on Risk

Minimization, and include:

- Expanding who a defenseless player is,
- "targeting" now defined as contact to an opponent above the shoulders, and defined "spearing" as contact to an opponent at the shoulders or below.
- Updated the rule on the free-kick formation,
- and updated new language in Rule 10-2-5 regarding the enforcement of dead-ball fouls.

A PDF of these changes is available and can be downloaded from the NFHS site: [2015 NFHS Football Rules Changes](http://www.nfhs.org/rules/football/2015-rules-changes) , <https://goo.gl/H5vjDK>



Group Work & Film Study

By studying film that uses real game footage, and working as a four-man crew, the officials participating at the clinic were able view real game scenarios and discuss what each person saw,

who's "keys" were involved, who would make the call and what the infraction was - followed by noting down, distance, penalty yardage and clock status on each play.

According to Albuquerque resident and PAC 12 Official, Land Clark, next to basic rule knowledge nothing beats film study. The NMYAFLOA utilizes the film available at <http://www.refereeclinic.com/videos> and those available at YouTube, [here. https://goo.gl/dpjXJF](https://goo.gl/dpjXJF).

The NMYAFLOA meets bi-weekly, 6:30-7:30 & 7:30-8:00 for new officials. If you are interested in becoming an official or learning the rules please join us.

