

Your Committee on Officials has tried to discover where-
in officiating , as a whole, can be improved and has made a few
Recommendations which we think if followed will eventually improve
the caliber of officiating.

It seems that the big complaint from the spectators today
is that when the whistle is blown they can't tell from the
actions of the official just what infraction has been called.

In the letter sent out some time ago about setting up a
system of signals to be used by officials we were not criticiz-
ing any one official but the method of calling the foul. We think,
that if a system of signals could be worked out, that could be
universally adopted, that the spectators would be better satisfied.
At least, this has been proven in football

The Officials Committee would like to suggest that our
Association recommed that the Rules Committee work out a set of
signals that can be universally used.

We have a few suggestions in addition to this. We would
like to make another suggestion in regard to officials' fees. We
suggest that conferences have a rule, that the regular conference
fee be a maximum fee, that can be paid by any member of that par-
ticular conference. In other words, in non-conference games officials
can be paid as much but not more than the fees paid for a conference
game.

In some conferences this year the officials have been
working as teams, and from reports, this has been quite sucessful.
We recommend that more conferences try this system next year.

The last suggestion is that whenever possible officials
working in a particular conference have a school in the early part
of the season where they actually officiate under supervision and
receive criticism for their work.

Respectfully submitted,
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