

# California Football Officials Association

Question from Executive Council Instructional Chairs:

Is the CIF-SS aware of any 'release forms/waiver' being drawn up that the officials are subject to signing before a game?

CIF-SS response:

- The CIF-SS does not know of any schools that have this policy in place/effect.
- The CIF-SS recommends that the Referee call the school on Wednesday and in asking about facilities, parking, contacts at the school, etc. ask the school's Athletic Director at that time if the officials are mandated by that school to sign any type of a waiver – If the answer is yes, then politely tell the school that you will decline the offer to officiate their contest.
- Temperature testing is one thing – Signing any waiver is a whole different ball game.

Question from Executive Council Instructional Chairs:

LA County – Are players required to wear masks?

CIF-SS response:

- While playing – No – they are not required to wear a mask
- While on the sidelines – Yes – They should be wearing masks, but all we should be doing is bringing it to their attention – We are not the mask police, administrators and coaches are...
- Coaches – Should be wearing masks  
If a coach refuses to wear a mask, you may stop the game, and get an administrator to address that with the coach

Note: Under General Guidelines (Football): It says individuals participating in the activity – This is meant for the non-players, coaches, sideline personnel

Question from the Executive Council Instructional Chairs:

Where is the Team Box / Team Bench area?

CIF-SS response:

- FOR PLAYERS ONLY - The team box is the 10-yard line to 10-yard line
- For Coaches: Team box area is at the 25-yard line – If they breach that, no penalty, but stop the game and remind them where their box is: 25 to 25-yard line.

The CIF-SS asks that officials use Common Sense in enforcement of these (and all) Football Guidelines/Covid-19 Modifications