

Keys to Calling Personal Fouls

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Personal Fouls = Felonies

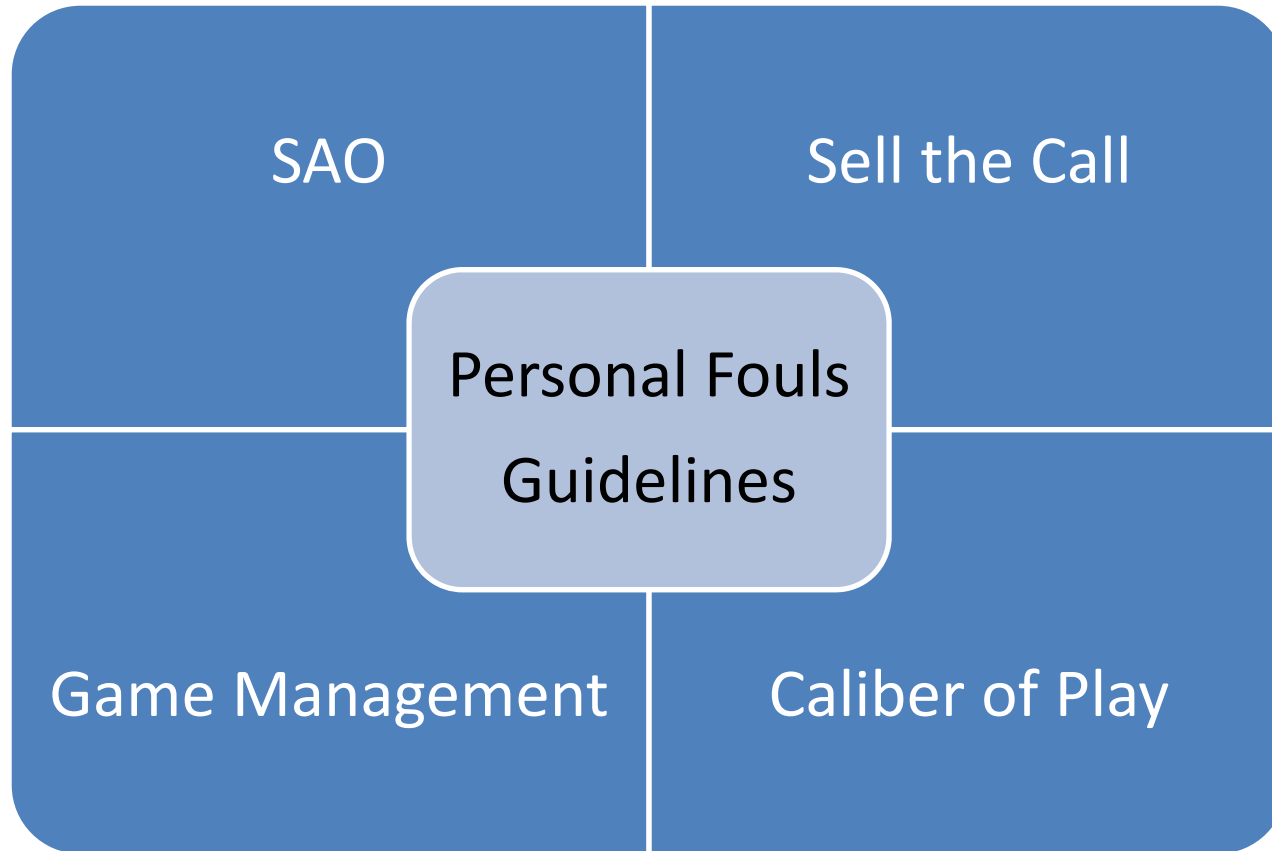


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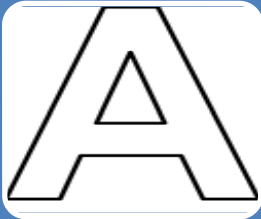
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Guideline 1: SAO



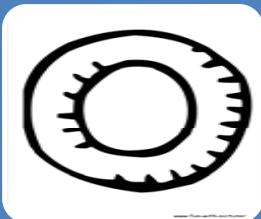
SAFETY

- Minimize the inherent risk of injury
- Call all safety fouls, especially hits to the head



ADVANTAGE

- Clear advantage gained?



OBVIOUS

- Grandma rule: did grandma in the stands see it?



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Guideline 2: Selling the Call

- Hustle and Positioning
 - On/Off Official - who makes the call?
 - You have to be there to make the call
- Demonstrative Signals
 - On a scale of 1-10, how big are your signals?
 - Are you signals clear? Would anyone misinterpret your “cross-check” call for a “push” call?
- Forthright / Confident Calls
 - Stationary
 - C-NOTE:
Color, Number, Offense, Time, Explanation (only if necessary)



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Guideline 3: Game Management

- Control Game Early
- Give Proper Warnings
- Don't Coach
- Be Consistent



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Control Game Early

- Early control prevents escalation and later problems
- Tighten up on player control violations to prevent personal fouls
- Dangerous situations: loose ball scrum, players getting tangled, goal scored, retaliation contact
- Be consistent - a slash not called in 1st qtr should not be called in the 4th



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Opening Faceoff



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Guideline 4: Caliber of Play

- Consider level of play
 - Youth
 - High School
 - College
 - Men's Club
- Safety Considerations Vary



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3 Types of Personal Fouls

Player
Safety

Sports-
manship

Equipment








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SAFETY FOULS

<p>Slash (Rule 5-7)</p> 	<p>Always Head, neck, shoulder, back</p> <p><i>Judgment</i> Unnecessary force, uncontrolled stick Blow not on stick (attack can protect)</p>
<p>Illegal Body Check (Rule 5-4)</p> 	<p>Always High, low, back Hand off stick Player on ground Spearing (non-releasable)</p> <p><i>Judgment</i> Over 5 yards from loose ball or late</p>
<p>Crosse Check (Rule 5-3)</p> 	<p>Blow, not push Using stick between hands Did it rise up into the head? If so, non-releasable</p>
<p>Tripping (Rule 5-8)</p> 	<p>Positive action with crosse or body Not by scooping ball Often highly visible!</p>
<p>Unnecessary Roughness (Rule 5-9)</p> 	<p><i>Judgment</i> Headhunting Fouled player is vulnerable Out of play = OK; out of game = UR</p>

Penalties are 1, 2 or 3 minutes



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Call or No Call?



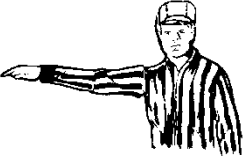


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Sportsmanship Fouls

<p>Conduct (Rule 6-7)</p> <p>TECHNICAL!</p> 	<p>Head coach impolitely questions official's judgment Coach enters field of play Any assistant coach comments on officiating</p>
<p>Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Rule 5-10)</p> 	<p>Player questions call, maligns official, curses or baits opponent, Excessive celebration by players Coach maligns or baits official Coach curses or loses temper Extreme fan behavior interferes with game</p>
<p>Ejection (Rule 5-12)</p> 	<p>Any taunting (race, religion, ethnicity, gender, etc.) Fighting or leaving the bench area during a fight Second non-releasable Unsportsmanlike Conduct</p>

Always a point of emphasis by NFHS and MPA

Zero tolerance for players; use 'ladder' for coaches



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Sportsmanship Fouls

- Respond to polite questions from head coaches
- Stay quiet, calm, don't inflame
- Use foul "ladder" to manage benches
 - Take away and award ball
 - 30 sec Conduct Foul
 - 1-3 min NR USC Penalty



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Equipment Fouls

- Personal Equipment: Rule 5-6
 - Gloves, Helmet, Arm/Shoulder Pads
- Illegal Crosse: Rule 5-5
- Mouthpiece
 - NFHS: personal foul
 - NCAA: tech technical foul



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Questions/Answers??

Have fun on the field!!



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