Crew Chief Ten Commandments

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1. Uphold and abide all the responsibilities of being a crew chief

• Be responsible
• Be accountable
• Understand and execute the duties as outlined in the following nine commandments
2. Confirm game site, date, and time with school contact or coach

- **The Arbiter**
  - Everything you need to know
- **Contact school (AD or coach)**
  - to confirm game site and time – especially if inclement weather is in forecast
- **Use Arbiter for “Mapquest”**
  - link for maps to site
- **Remember if you show up and game has been canceled or moved you will not be paid**
  - contact the school
3. Confirm status of umpire

• Does your umpire know he has a game?
• Does he know where?
• Does he know what time?
• Guess what?
  – It’s up to you to make sure he knows and will be there at a time you appoint
4. Conduct a pre game with umpire (and/or field judge)

- **Let your umpire know**
  - be at game site
  15-30 minutes prior if possible
  (work days are difficult)

- **Eliminate surprises.**
  - Make the unexpected, the expected

- **Discuss scenarios and situations**
  - helps get head in the game

- **Your umpire needs to understand your expectations for the game**

- **The newer the umpire, the more needed**
  - there will be for a lengthier pre game discussion
5. Know the proper mechanics

- Look sharp
- Clear signals
- Don’t be lazy
- Set the example
  - umpires and newer officials will be watching and learning from you.
  - Do not lead them astray – be the man
6. Know the rules of high school lacrosse

• Read the rules
• Read the case plays
• Know the theory of advantage/disadvantage
• Be confident making a call
  – you don’t have to “sell” it if the foul is there and you know it
• DFU when it comes to rules
7. Know the officials Code Of Conduct and abide it

• Another set of commandments
  – by which we must conduct ourselves by.

• This code is found in your NFHS boys lacrosse rules book
8. Be a mentor and an evaluator

- **Mechanics, rules, uniform, etc.**
  - Set the example and provide words of wisdom or relate experiences to your umpire

- **Make sure your umpire knows what he is doing**
  - Well and where he needs room for improvement

- **Do not walk away from the assignment without**
  - Pointing out how your umpire acquitted himself that day

- **Rate your umpire on The Arbiter**
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• **Rate accordingly**
  – comment where necessary –
  • Positive comments are just as informative as negative comments

• **Ratings allow the executive board, assigning authority and training chair know how this official is performing**

• **Ratings allow us to know:**
  – Is he an up-and-comer?
  – Should he be on the fast track to crew chief?
  – Does he need more work with other crew chiefs?
  – We need to know. You need to tell us.
9. Be Professional

• You get paid for your services
  – that makes you a professional
• You are accountable
• You are responsible
• You meet all your obligations without complaint
• Not every assignment is the “best” game
  – you may be assigned to a lesser game for many different reasons
• You’re there to evaluate
  – and help develop the skills of an up-and-coming umpire
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• **You’re there because**
  – these two teams have a history of overly physical play and the assigner needs a strong individual to crew chief the game

• **You’re there because**
  – many other crew chiefs have been assigned elsewhere or are blocked out on that date

• **You’ve been assigned because**
  – it’s close to your home or workplace

• **You’ve been assigned because**
  – it will be a very difficult game to officiate and your assigner is putting you – the crew chief – to the test to see if more “BIG” games are in your future
10. Be a leader on the field and in the meeting rooms

• You are a
  – mentor, evaluator, and rules authority
  – be all that and more.
• “Step up” and be a leader
• Be confident
  – show no fear or indeciveness
• Lead on the field
  – have the guts and ability to make the big call when necessary
  – ability to stand the heat when things get intense
• Set the example by
  – attending all meetings
  – participating in Q & A sessions
  – offering experiences at these meetings
• Get involved
  – present training topics and have the will to stand before your peers and run a session
You are a crew chief

• You are the man.. It is time to fulfill the duties and responsibilities that come with it.

• With your help we can set another generation of officials behind us in the right direction
  – and help make the SDCLOA one of the finest organizations in the country and within the lacrosse community.

• Stand up and take charge! For you are a crew chief.