

# ECSR

# OBSERVATION 3



## OBSERVATIONS WEEK ENDING 9.18.24

Conference play is in full swing. Referees need to be ready for more intense play, more dissent and benches more vocal. Referees ARE NOT to hold back when it comes to the NCAA points of emphasis regarding bench behavior.

Referees are advised to review the standings in the conference and the current record in non-conference play.

Mistaken identity. In speaking with Rich Grady, the number 1 protest this year has been mistaken identity. While we can rectify these situations, the bigger issue is that referees are not focused.

Tackles. Referees need to take the appropriate action when tackles endanger the safety of a player. Players that leave their feet and make contact MUST be sent off. Video will be on our website soon.

Handling offenses. Referees need to be 100% positive on deciding when a handball occurs. Follow the criteria outlined by the NCAA.

Every call is important but referees need to be 100% positive if you are deciding to change the game. If there is VR, use it. Confer with your AR's if needed. Do not rely on headsets.