

## Game Reports

As we get ready for the 2025 season, it's time for our annual reminder on game reports. These reports are our main source of feedback and help to make improvements and head off future problems. The URL is:

[https://chsaanow.com/sb\\_output.aspx?form=14](https://chsaanow.com/sb_output.aspx?form=14)

Although the Referee is required to submit a game report for each varsity game within 24 hours of the game, all crew members have a role in preparing the game report. The BJ tracks the penalties and all crew members can and should suggest items for the report immediately after the game. The Playoff Selection Committee will consider the quality of reports and note absent reports in their consideration of referees. Reports with no comments or effectively no comments are not helpful and will be considered as “no report.” Please take care to follow the prescribed format for specified fields such as Game Length e.g., 2:15 for 2 hrs, 15 min. The software will read any text as zero.

Every report is reviewed by at least three members of the CHSAA staff and anywhere from six to 10 members of CFOA. The report is used to develop training material and to make suggestions for improvement of the treatment of officials. No punitive action is taken based on anything in a game report unless there is an independent investigation stemming from a complaint filed by a school. This report can protect us a record of the situation after memories have faded. Ejection reports become part of a student’s official file and are sent to the school without any editing.

Please use standard English (no text lingo) and quote any foul language used. It is important to remain unbiased and to write without emotion. While unlikely, it is possible the report will be made available to a court, so please refrain from derogatory or disparaging comments about game participants – state facts, not opinions.

Here are some details on the items appropriate for the report:

Explain ejections and USC fouls, especially on coaches

Unique penalty situations, including enforcement errors, IW’s, etc.

Problems with clock operators or chain crew

Lessons learned

Unusual plays or questions from a coach

Arrival delays

Weather issues or other extensive delays

Field markings/safety concerns

Microphone issues

Anything that the next crew can benefit from

Concerns about official’s safety or fan interactions

Anything a school could complain to CHSAA about

Please avoid the following items:

Description of snacks provided

Anything routinely done well by anyone

Self-glorifying remarks

Crew performance (i.e., "the crew worked well together" or "the crew handled the players very well so it didn't get out of hand")

Routine comments about coaches (i.e., they yelled for holding on every play)

Mercy rule implementation

Note: Internal problems with crew members should be handled privately with the Area Director.

**IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE A COPY OF YOUR REPORT AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU INDICATED WITHIN 15 MINUTES, IT PROBABLY DID NOT GO THROUGH. PLEASE FOLLOW UP.**