

VIDEO Breakdown

Whenever possible, watch film of the games you work - everyone on the crew will benefit. You can also try to get some film of future teams.

Any time you watch a video, watch it with a critical eye, preferably as a crew. Questions you should be asking include:

- Are you lining up where you should be?
- After the ball is snapped, are you moving to be in position to make the necessary calls?
- Are you looking off the ball or are you being a ball watcher (bill of cap; rings of coverage)?
- How are your forward-progress spots?
- Were penalties properly enforced?
- Did the crew correctly signal the clock to stop and start (are officials properly covering a play ending out of bounds)?
- Are flags and beanbags dropped at the appropriate places?
- Do the fouls the crew called actually show up on film?

What is the best way to answer the questions noted above? You can use the following suggestions:

- Be your own worst critic, be constructively critical, watch for consistency
- Watch all the plays (if possible), even the well officiated ones or those where nothing special occurred.
- Pause at the beginning of the play – look at keys
- Watch key(s) throughout the play
- Review plays right before and right after any mistakes
- Check the enforcement spot on the next play after a play with a foul