

## **CHIEF BENCH OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

**ART. 1 . . . When assigned by an assigning authority, an official acting as the chief bench official shall have supervision over the timer's table and complete jurisdiction over the timer, scorer, coaches area and both benches. The chief bench official (CBO) shall wear the same uniform as the other officials and shall have a whistle, flag and horn. The horn shall be provided by the home team.**

**ART. 2 . . . The CBO shall supervise and have complete jurisdiction over the timekeeper, penalty timekeepers, scorers, coaches, substitutes and any other persons within the bench areas, the substitution area and the penalty box.**

**The assigned chief bench official also shall be empowered to call the following:**

- 1. Violations of the coaches-, bench- and table-area rules.**
- 2. Any unsportsmanlike acts that occur within the coaches, bench and table areas.**
- 3. Any illegal-crosse exchange.**
- 4. A player who has been substituted for not leaving the field of play at the table area or bench area.**
- 5. Offside.**
- 6. Too many or too few players on the field.**
- 7. Delayed substitutions.**
- 8. Time-outs.**
- 9. Count crosses when requested.**
- 10. Violations related to substitution.**
- 11. Relay penalty to table area**

**If the CBO becomes aware of any of the above infringements, he shall, depending on the circumstances, either throw a signal flag or blow his whistle, and apply the appropriate penalty. Additionally, when the CBO becomes aware of a player committing an act of flagrant misconduct, then, if the act is away from the current area of play and is unlikely to have been seen by the on-field officials, the CBO shall either throw a signal flag or blow his whistle, as appropriate. When a whistle has stopped the play, the CBO shall inform the referee of what has happened and the CBO shall make the appropriate call.**

## **CBO MECHANICS**

**Work in a triangle motion moving from deep box opposite offense to Mid line on transition watching for off sides (communicate to trail official) then to opposite deep viewing new offense. Stay one yard above the team team restraining line so that you can see players that are the above the "Get Back "area or actually in the substitution area unless eminent substitution. Refrain from just standing at the midline during settled offensive play. Be aware of illegal contact of players exiting and entering the field. Make sure the players entering the field back away from the exiting players. Screen off any coach that is entering the area beyond the coaches line / substitution box. Deflect coaches comments..make the unsportsmanlike call if absolutely necessary. Field officials need to quickly and firmly support the CBO 's call. Keep your eye on the coaches during Time Outs especially when bringing water or conversing with on field officials**