NFHS Soccer
Dual System Mechanics
Objectives

- Identify responsibilities of dual system officials
- Perform basic mechanics in prescribed manner
- Describe general patterns of movement
- Describe major set positions used
- Identify responsibilities of Lead/Trail officials
Authority and Procedures

- 2014-15 NFHS Soccer Rules
  - Dual-Officiating System, p.87
Head Referee

- Conducts pre-game conference(s) and instructions
- Make decisions on points not covered by Rules
  - Match authority on rules interpretation, equipment legality
- Who’s the Head Referee?
  - Planned dual will be designated
  - Unplanned dual? Higher ranking
Referee Team Pre-game

- Inspect field/players together
- Determine lead/trail directions (left or rt.)
- Decide touchline/goal line line responsibilities
- Review proper mechanics/techniques
- Emphasize eye contact; consult if needed
- Simultaneous whistle – defer to head ref

Coordination Issues
- Substitutions
- Injuries
- Restarts
Making the Call I
Responsibility for Restart Whistle

Trail whistles start
- Kickoff(s)
- Drop Ball ?
- Goal Kick
- Throw In (Trail side)

Subs – official responsible for restart whistles

Lead whistles start
- Corner kick
- Penalty kick
- Free kick
- Throw In (Lead side)
Making the Call - Eye Contact Essential

Referee who SEES the violation, whistles
Dual System of Control

Out of bounds responsibility
Keep play in between on the 30-40 yard rope

Adjust to flow – Lead Official keys on Lead Attacker
No Touchline Hugging

Flexible Pattern – requires high work rate to stay close enough to play and still be able to cover the offside decision
Covering “coffin corner”

Trail must press down with play. Lead is usually screened and must split his focus to determine offside.
Running off the field may be required

Just like diagonal system? Lead referee should be closer to the goal than the thrower, in order to cover goal scored as well as offside.
Play near the goal

Lead referee across the goal may be necessary, but may also compromise the offside decision.
Set Positions

Start of Play
During play
Free kick
Corner kick
Goalkeeper clearances
Goal kick
Penalty kick
Throw in
Drop ball
Start of Play
During Play

Free Kick
Free Kick in Attacking Half

**Trail referee:**
Moves even with ball
Covers:
  - placement
  - encroachment
  - delays
*(Restart whistle when ceremonial. Ensure Lead is in position.)*

**Lead referee:**
Moves ahead for Play/goal coverage
*(Eye contact or repeat DKF/IFK signal to show readiness.)*

A quick restart will be a positioning challenge
Throw In
Dropped Ball

Trail official controls drop ball

Lead official anticipates play

Direction of play could change quickly

Officials need to be ready to adjust quickly

(NFHS Rules seem to indicate that there is a Restart whistle on Dropped balls??? Don’t!)
Set Positions - Discussion? Questions?

Start of Play

During play

Free kick

Corner kick

Goalkeeper clearances

Goal kick

Penalty kick

Throw in

Drop ball
Remember “Dual in Dual System” is NOT spelled “duel”

As always, teamwork is the key to success.
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