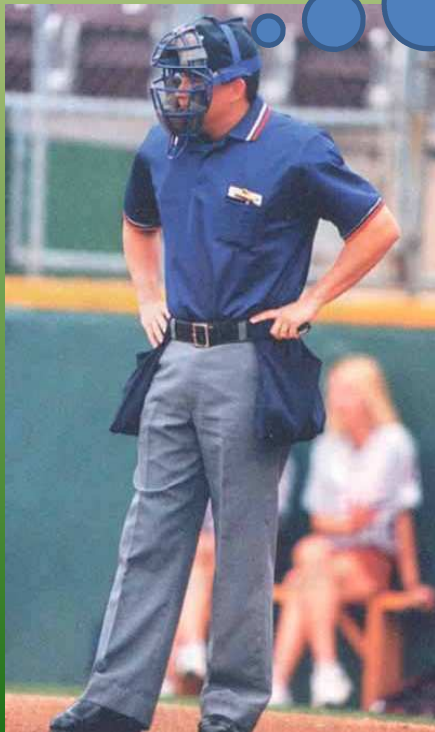


Think!!!

Next Play
Game
Management
Rules
Situation
Mechanics



**SIX THINGS TO THINK
ABOUT**





1. Think Before The Game

- **Pregame Conference**
 - Rules
 - Coverages
 - Mechanics
 - Philosophy
 - Context
- **We must believe that the pregame conference is a good thing**
 - If you go through the motions in pregame, it is likely that you will go through the motions during the game!!!



2. Think Before The Play

- **Put yourself in the right place at the right time**
- **Talk to yourself about each play and the possible scenarios you may encounter**
- **Think of the pertinent rules that may come into play**



3. Think Like A Coach

- **Ask: “What are the coach’s options in this situation?”**
- **Think like the coach involved in the play**
 - Not what I would do.
 - What is he going to do?
- **Preparation for potential scenarios based on the coach’s decisions**



4. Think Like A Player

- **Some of us are good at game management because of our approach to the game as players**
 - Working hard at getting away with things
 - Strategist
 - Competitor
- **Remembering and thinking about how players think can prepare you for the odd play or situation**



5. Think Before You Speak



- **Speak to participants the way that you would expect to be spoken to**
- **Think about whether what is being said requires a response**
- **Respond when necessary**
 - Non-verbal
 - Hand up, palm away
 - Head and eyes
 - Gestures, posture
 - Verbal
 - “Coach, I heard you.”
 - “Coach, what I hear you saying is...”
 - “Coach, I heard what you said and I have made my decision.”



6. Think Before You Penalize

- **Mentally gather information**
 - Use the time efficiently so that awards and penalties are correct
 - Dead vs. live ball
 - Obstruction vs. interference
 - Malicious vs. incidental contact
- **If I penalize a manager, coach, or player, will it help the game?**
- **If I do not penalize a manager, coach, or player, will the situation escalate into something worse?**