

## **Football Ballboy Instructions**

1. At least one ballperson from each team will work on the Line Judge side of the field for the entire game.
2. Each ballperson will have in his possession at least 2 official game balls AT ALL TIMES. Balls should be clean and dry at all times. He will keep the balls in his hands – no tossing of balls or playing during the game.
3. Each ballperson should be in his proper location at least five minutes before the start of each half.
4. During kickoffs, the ballperson should be located at the receiving team's 30-yard line.
5. Each ballperson will carry a towel to aid in drying the balls.
6. The ball in play will normally be replaced as follows:
  - Ballperson should know which team's football should be in the game and provide the Line Judge with the proper ball ONLY during the dead ball interval **PRIOR TO FIRST DOWN**.
  - After any change of possession.
  - After a long, incomplete pass.
  - In the event of wet weather, when it becomes necessary to frequently replace the ball.
  - The kicking team may kick their own ball.
7. The official requesting a replacement shall always initiate the exchange of balls. After the replacement ball is in place, the ball going out will be tossed or handed to the ballperson.
8. Ballperson will relay the ball onto the field of play by handing or short underhand toss.
9. Ballperson may come onto the field to retrieve long, incomplete passes.
10. On field goal or extra point ties, the ballperson will place a replacement ball on the ground next to the goal post prior to the kick.
11. The ballperson should always be alert, pay attention to their duties, and make every effort to avoid any activity that might cause personal harm.

**Insist on Adequate Performance from the Ballpersons!**