

Next Level Football Officiating

SCORING PLAYS

1. When in question, it is not a touchdown.

Touchdowns should be earned rather than awarded on a technicality. Be sure the ball is in the runner's possession and that it breaks the plane of the goal line. Wing officials earn their salt by being able to discern the location of the ball when a runner takes the ball into the middle of the line on a goal line play. Don't mirror a signal made by another official unless you are positive of your call. Two wrong signals don't equal one correct call.

2. When in question, it is not a safety.

The entire ball must be out of the end zone in order for a team to avoid a safety. That being the case, because a safety is a scoring play, the offense is given the benefit of doubt if the official is unsure of the location of the ball.

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