Gentlemen,

There has been a slight change in the Coin Toss procedure for the 2015 Tournament.  It is imperative that each official is aware of the Overtime Procedure for the playoffs so that there will be no inconsistency in applying the overtime rule.

The Overtime in the Playoffs is now the same as the MIAA Overtime for the regular season (2015 Football Format page 10, Paragraph 8; MIAA Handbook Rule 69.3.2)

The change this year to the coin toss is to align exactly with the NCAA rule.  The end of the field can change in each overtime period as allowed in the NCAA rules.

So the winner of the OT coin toss chooses:

1. Offense/Defense or

2. End of the field

The loser chooses the remaining option

In Subsequent Even numbered Overtime Periods, the loser of the toss will choose first.

In Subsequent Odd numbered Overtime Periods, the winner of the toss will choose first.

We also added an editorial change in the "no free shot" rule (69.3.2.4) - the penalty must be a live ball Personal foul or a live ball Unsportsmanlike Conduct foul.

Here is a link to the 2015 Football Format - <http://www.miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/football2015format.pdf>

Here is a link to the Handbook (Rule 69 is on pages 68-72) - <http://www.miaa.net/gen/miaa_generated_bin/documents/basic_module/MIAAHandbook1517.pdf>

Thanks and good luck to your crews in the Tournament.

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