

Football Referee Signals

Whether you are just watching the game at home or in the stadium, or want a career in the National Football League with a job as an NFL referee, you should know the hand and arm signals that football referees use. The handy chart below features pictures of the signals every football fan should know. Learn the signals and impress your friends. Make the call!



Offside



Illegal Position or Procedure



Illegal Motion or Shift



Delay of Game



Personal Foul



Roughness and Piling On



Clipping



Roughing the Kicker



Unsportsmanlike Conduct



Defensive Holding



Illegal Use of Hands and Arms



Intentional Grounding



Illegally Passing or Handing Ball Forward



Forward Pass or Kick Catching Interference



Ineligible Receiver Down Field on Pass



Ball Illegally Touched, Kicked, or Batted



Incomplete Forward Pass, Penalty Declined, No Play, or No Score



Crawling, Helping the Runner, or Interlocked Interference



Ball Dead; If Hand Is Moved from Side to Side, Touchback



Touchdown or Field Goal



Safety



Time-Out



Firstdown



Start the Clock or No More Time-Outs Allowed



Ball Ready for Play