



Stoney Creek Jr. Cougars: Chain-Gang Guide

As a member of the chain gang for the Stoney Creek Jr. Cougars, your role is crucial in maintaining the flow and accuracy of the game. This guide outlines your responsibilities and the rules you must follow while on the field.

Chain-Gang Personnel Requirements

1. Number of Personnel:

- The home team must provide two (2) people to manage the first-down chain.
- The visiting team must provide one (1) person to manage the down-box marker.

2. Eligibility:

- Chain-gang personnel should be parents or non-interested third parties.
- Personnel cannot be coaches, directors, or any individuals involved in the management of the playing teams.
- Franchise management personnel can participate as long as they are not involved with the team currently playing.

3. Chain-Gang Personnel:

- Officials will not start the game unless all chain-gang personnel are present on the field.
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During the Game

1. Taking Direction:

- You will take your direction from the sideline referee. Follow their instructions carefully to ensure the game runs smoothly.

2. Maintaining Objectivity:

- As a chain-gang member, you must remain unbiased and refrain from cheering for any team. Your focus should be on your duties to ensure fairness and accuracy.
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Chain-Gang Duties

1. Managing the First-Down Chain:

- The two home team members are responsible for managing the first-down chain. This involves moving the chains when directed by the referee to mark the progress of the ball.

2. Managing the Down-Box Marker:

- The visiting team member is responsible for managing the down-box marker. This marker indicates the current down and must be moved according to the referee's signals.

Additional Guidelines

1. Communication:

- Keep communication with the referee clear and concise. Avoid distractions and focus on your role during the game.

2. Field Etiquette:

- Stay attentive and be ready to move quickly when needed. Your timely actions are essential for the smooth operation of the game.

By following these guidelines, you will help ensure the game is fair, accurate, and enjoyable for everyone involved. Thank you for volunteering as a chain-gang member for the Stoney Creek Jr. Cougars!