

**Subject:** The Duties of the Fourth Official

**Lesson Objective:**

At the end of the lesson, the referee will understand the duties of the fourth official and will be able to apply this understanding the next time s/he is assigned as a fourth official.

**Equipment and Materials to Teach the Lesson:**

Overhead projector, screen, and transparencies.

**Approximate Time Needed:**

60 minutes.

**Learning Set:**

Tell the referees that more and more important games will have a fourth official as part of the officiating team. They may be called upon to perform this important job.

Ask the students to raise their hand if they have been a fourth official.

How did they feel about being a fourth official?

Did they feel comfortable that they knew what their job was?

Did the referee give them adequate instructions in the pregame?

**Information, Facts, Concepts, Skills to be Taught:**

See the notes accompanying the overheads.

Page 83 of the Laws of the Game and Guide for Referees.

**Strategies to Actively Involve the Participants:**

The set above.

**Closure:**

Ask the students to tell you what the duties of the fourth official are before, during, and after the game.