

# RULE 11

## The Officials: Jurisdiction and Duties

### SECTION 1. Jurisdiction

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- The officials' jurisdiction begins 5 minutes before the scheduled kickoff and ends when the referee declares the score final [S14].

### SECTION 2. Responsibilities

ARTICLE 1. • The game shall be played under the supervision of four, five, six, seven or eight officials. The game may be played under the supervision of three officials under exceptional circumstances such as injury or delay in travel.

ARTICLE 2. Officiating responsibilities and mechanics are specified in the current edition of the *Manual of Football Officiating*, Officials are responsible for knowing and applying the material in the Manual.