



Most Linesmen (aka Headlines) carry a laminated cheat-sheet similar to the one below to use as a checklist when talking to your chain crew before the start of each game.

Part of the officiating crew
Cell phones in pocket
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DO NOT MOVE until instructed
BOX 1) Verbal 2) Heel
ALL 3) Signal
2 Yards off sidelines
Play to sidelines - drop poles
1st and goal / PAT - just box
First downs, move quickly
Set chains down when not in use
Clip - Back of back yard line
Measurements
Demo setting chains

The orange yardage clip always gets clipped on the back of the first white line near the back stake.

If a measurement is needed:

1. Instruct your box person to place the box behind the front stake
2. Instruct your box person to, "stay here"
3. Make sure your yardage clip is in the proper place
4. Where the yardage clip is located, with your left and right hands, grab the chain as if marking the outside edges of that line.
5. Instruct your front chain holder, "when we get out there, you'll hand the stake to the umpire."
6. Instruct both chain holders, "let's go."
7. The Line Judge will have his foot at the spot your hands will set the chain on
8. Once you're holding the chain firmly in place, instruct the Umpire, "pull it tight."
9. The Umpire will pull the front stake forward.
10. The Referee will rule on first down.

Something else you'll want to carry on the inside of your hat is an 8" or 10" nylon zip tie. This will come in handy should the chains ever break.