**Presnap Rituals**

**Referee Position**

The referee has various areas of presnap responsibility as well as presnap keys.

**Presnap Responsibilities**

* **Prior to Ready for Play Signal**
  + Check to see the ball is properly spotted
  + Check the chain crew and down marker
  + Check the 25 second clock has been re-set
  + Ensure all other officials are in place
* **Declare ball ready for play**
  + Count the offense and verify with the umpire
  + Check for all players being set for 1 second-Illegal shift
  + Check for snap irregularities and movement of linemen
  + Identify eligible backs

**Presnap Keys**

* Key tackle on opposite side of formation-Read run or pass