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**Team Arizona, huddle up!**

## Spotting the "Red Flags" and Saving the Season

Team, wrap your hands around those laces, buckle your chinstraps, and listen up. We are deep into the season, we need to look at the game tape, analyze the field, and ensure our department is executing a flawless playbook.

Our mission in the Department of Arizona is simple: we are here to support our veterans, service members, and their families. But even the strongest teams can give up a turnover if they aren't paying attention. Let's talk about the "Red Flags" on the field—specifically, how to recognize when our local Auxiliaries are fumbling, running out of bounds, or on the verge of a costly penalty.

When an auxiliary starts hitting a rough patch, it doesn't happen overnight. There are clear warning signs. If we catch these penalties early, we can send in the coaching staff to repair the play. If we ignore them, we risk losing the franchise.

Here is your scouting report on how to spot a "Red Flag" Auxiliary before they get sidelined.

# The Scouting Report: 4 Major Red Flags on the Field

### 1. The Delay of Game (Zero Communication)

A healthy Auxiliary is huddling constantly. If an Auxiliary stops responding to District emails, fails to submit their required reports, or goes completely silent on Department check-ins, they are taking a delay of game penalty. When an Auxiliary cuts off the communication lines, it usually means the Auxiliary is overwhelmed or checked out.

### 2. Too Many Players in the Backfield (Internal Penalty Flags)

When you look at the Auxiliary, do you see teamwork? If an auxiliary business meeting has turned into a shouting match or a social gathering rather than focus on our veterans, and programs, is the team chemistry broken?

### 3. Fumbling the Roster (Declining & Disengaged Membership)

Look at the sidelines. Is the same handful of dedicated members running every single play until they drop from pure exhaustion? If the Auxiliary isn't activating new members, or if their membership numbers are dropping faster than a drop pass on a rainy Friday night, that Auxiliary is heading for a forfeit. We cannot win the game with only three players on the field.

### 4. Illegal Procedure (Ignoring the Bylaws & Financial Plays)

Every great game has rules. For us, that's our Bylaws, and Ritual. When an Auxiliary starts skipping audits, missing their financial obligations, or holding meetings without a quorum, they are running an illegal procedure. Financial disarray and ignoring administrative protocols is the fastest way to be on suspension.

## The Ultimate Playbook: How We Secure the Win

If you spot one of these Red Flags in your Auxiliary, do not just sit in the bleachers and watch the fumble happen. We need an active intervention strategy to get our auxiliaries back into the end zone. Contact your coaches (mentors) for help.

**1.Scout and Assess:** First Quarter.
Don't rely on hearsay. Visit the Auxiliary in person. Sit in on a meeting, look at the dynamic, and review their administrative paperwork to see exactly where the breakdown is occurring.

**2.Call a Timeout:** Second Quarter.
Bring the auxiliary President and District President together for an honest huddle. Acknowledge the struggle without throwing blame and lay out the facts of what needs to change.

**3.Send in the Special Teams:** Third Quarter.
Provide direct mentorship. Ask the mentors to help with the struggling auxiliaries to help them clean up their books, organize their meetings, and steady the ship.

**4.Execute the Recovery Play:** Fourth Quarter.
Focus heavily on membership drive and local veteran events. Re-engage the community to bring energy back to the auxiliary and fill the gaps in the roster with passionate new volunteers.

**The Golden Rule of the Field:** *Service, Not Self.* We don't throw a flag to penalize our members; we throw it to protect the integrity of the organization and keep the focus on the veterans who rely on us.

Let's keep our eyes downfield, look out for our teammates, and tackle these issues before they tackle us. Let's drive it home for the win, Arizona!