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Simple method to remember:

If the line official is looking at the referee's back, he should be underneath the upright.

Back Judge and Line Judge / Linesman - Take positions inside the limit line.

1. Rule on success or failure of field goal and try attempts. Official nearest ball rules on play with the other official reflecting the signal.
2. Be alert for ball striking an upright or a cross bar. If ball strikes crossbar, the BJ is responsible for the ruling.
3. Break out into position to cover end zone in the event of a fake attempt and be ready to cover passes and runs as usual.
4. The Back Judge will move to cover the end line and the Linesman/Line Judge will move to cover the sideline deep in the end zone.

Linesman or Line Judge: Take regular position, responsible for:

1. Normal sideline responsibilities;
2. Quick passes and helping out with blocking on linebackers;
3. Covering play on short receiver on short field goal attempts;
4. The area behind the Umpire to the two deep officials.

Umpire - Adjust to position seldom more than 7 yards deep, observing action on long snapper. If kicking team fakes and play moves Referee's side of the field, move to a position to help cover the goal line.

Referee - Responsible for action on kicker and holder. Basic position is one to two yards to the rear and two to three yards to the side of the kicker facing the holder.



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