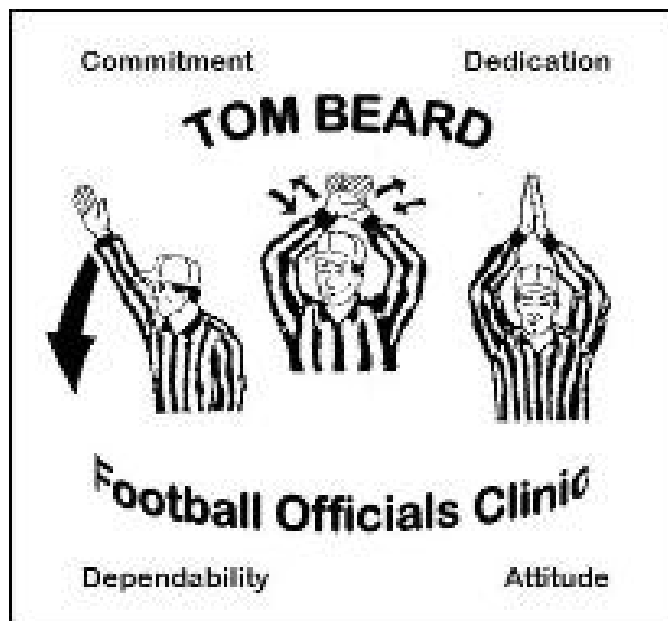


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Tom Beard's Football Officials Clinic

*3rd Annual*

# *Tom Beard Football Officiating Clinic*



**March 26-27, 2010**

*Friday, March 26, 2010  
Registration 1:00PM - 2:00 PM  
Opening Remarks—2:00 PM*

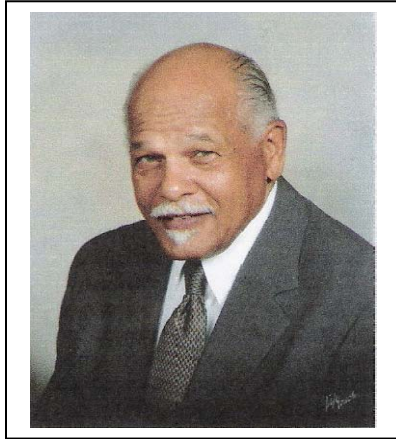
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*Commitment ♦ Dedication ♦ Dependability ♦ Attitude*

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**Thomas A. Beard**  
10/20/1931 – 11/5/2008

## **THOMAS ALVA BEARD**

Tom Beard was renowned in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area for his commitment and dedication to Football Officiating at the Federation, Collegiate, and Professional Levels. Tom had a sincere passion for training and developing football officials to becoming the very best that they can be.

Several years ago, Tom organized weekly training sessions for football officials from Washington, DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. The primary focus of the sessions was to train and develop football officials so that they are highly qualified and well prepared. The sessions were held on the campus of Howard University (Washington, DC) and consisted of rules/mechanics discussions, video review, and scrimmages.

Session attendees had the advantage of receiving regular instructions and assessments from some of the top resources within all levels of officiating. [Many of the officials attending the sessions have progressed with successful careers in the NCAA and NFL.](#)

In alignment with Tom's focus of training and developing officials, the [3rd Annual Tom Beard's Football Officials Clinic \(TBFOC\)](#) will be held on March 26-27, 2010 on the campus of Howard University. The Clinic's agenda includes group sessions, position breakout meetings, and two scrimmages. A highly-renowned group of Collegiate and NFL officials and supervisors were carefully selected to facilitate the Clinic's sessions.

It's with deep sadness that Mr. Beard transitioned from labor to reward on November 5, 2008, at the Washington Hospital Center. Tom's passion for helping and inspiring officials was culminated in March 2008 with the first ever Thomas Beard Football Officiating Clinic. The joy he received from putting on that clinic, and the attendance he received from New York to Florida, strengthened his resolve to plan and improve next year's clinic while battling through his illness and treatments. Sadly he will not be with us as we move forward with his clinic vision. His legacy of uplifting numerous officials to the highest ranks of professional, collegiate, high school, and amateur sports will continue through our future endeavors.

Known as "Mr. Beard" to many and "Tom" to those fortunate to enough to be around his acquaintance and appreciate his critical officiating eye. We will miss him dearly.





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## **Tom Beard's Football Officials Clinic**

### **Clinic Overview**

Our clinic committee would like to extend an invitation for you to attend a truly unique football officiating clinic. We have assembled an outstanding group of nationally prominent officials, observers and supervisors who are planning to share their experience, philosophy and knowledge with each. You will have the opportunity to meet, greet and eat with members of our clinic staff and guests as well as collegiate and high school officiating coordinators.

The program will include group sessions, position meetings, and special instruction on all areas of officiating, including a seven, six and five man mechanics review. Imagine two full days of sharing lessons with NFL, BCS and FCS Collegiate and State Championship Football Officials. Plus, there will be a Friday evening social at the Crowne Plaza, and a continental breakfast and lunch served on Saturday at Howard University.

This is our 3rd clinic and, once again, we are very fortunate to have Howard University as our host. We have improved on the successful format of the previous years and we have upgraded our facilities, audio-visual equipment, etc. Another improvement that we've made is that ***you have two registration options***. These options are:

1. **Classroom and On-field Instruction (by working a scrimmage)**: The TBFOC Staff realizes that there are some officials that are not comfortable participating in the on-field sessions while other officials are much more willing to do so. To accommodate both, we have decided to limit the number of officials that will take part in the scrimmage. Officials choosing to work the scrimmage will be identified on a "First Come First Serve" basis. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to register immediately! You will not want to miss this opportunity to take the field and perform in front of some of our top notch NFL and Collegiate Officials. If history is any indication, this registration option will fill quite fast.
2. **Classroom Only**: As usual, the classroom sessions will be as dynamic as always. This is evident by the top notch clinicians that we have this year. At every general session as well as the breakouts, there will be several NFL officials as well as some of the best collegiate officials in the country from the ACC, Big XII, Big East, SEC, and the United Football League. To be specific, at each position, there will be collegiate officials that have worked a myriad of 2009-2010 Bowl Games (including the FBS National Championship, The International Bowl, The Music City Bowl, The Las Vegas Bowl and The New Orleans Bowl). So, if you choose not to work on the field, there will still be significant opportunities for you to increase your knowledge and officiating abilities!

The clinic will begin earlier on Friday so that we have additional time to enhance your classroom and on-field experience. The clinic is divided into four stages. First, we will have a general session regarding collegiate mechanics and how they relate to the running, passing and kicking games. Second, after a brief pregame session on Friday afternoon, the officials will report to the field where they will receive on-field instruction while working one of the Friday afternoon spring scrimmages. Third we will reconvene Saturday morning and have several breakout sessions where we will address mechanics by breaking into 4 groups: line of scrimmage officials (LJ and HL), deep wing officials (BJ, FJ, SJ), Umpires, and Referees. Finally, after a pregame classroom session on Saturday mid-day, the officials will return to the field for additional instruction while working one of the Saturday afternoon spring scrimmage.

The clinic is designed for both high school officials and collegiate official at any level. The emphasis of this clinic is in putting an official in the **right place** at the **right time** to make the **right call**! NFL Clinicians will be in attendance. supervisors from collegiate conferences are invited.

### **Staff**



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The TBFOC understands the true value of any clinic experience is dependent upon the quality of the instruction provided by the clinicians. Therefore, extra efforts are made to assemble a staff that is passionate about passing on their knowledge of their profession. Clinicians this year will be from the NFL, the ACC, Big XII, Big East, SEC, and the United Football League. The staff of the TBFOC will strive to deliver the best clinic experience possible.

### ***On-Field Instruction***

This clinic is proud to work in conjunction with the Howard University Bison Football Team. Their spring practices will have begun and on-field work is planned. If you register to work on the field, the following attire is required: Hat, stripped shirt, knickers, whistle, flag and bean bag. There will be a clinician for each position at each site. In the event of inclement weather an indoor mechanics demonstration will be substituted.

### ***Post- Scrimmage Review***

Following the scrimmage there will be a brief review session. During this post game review, the observers will critique overall performance, including rule interpretation, mechanics and positioning, and general field presence. You will have the opportunity to ask the observers questions regarding your performance.

The post game review session at the scrimmage site will conclude the clinic. We hope that you leave your scrimmage with a greater understanding of the mechanics and the philosophies necessary to be a quality football official.

### ***Hotel / Lodging***

For your convenience, the TBFOC Staff has blocked rooms for you at the Crowne Plaza Washington, DC / Silver Spring. This Crowne Plaza is conveniently located to Howard University, Interstate 95, as well as each of the DC area's three airports (BWI Thurgood Marshall, Reagan National, and Dulles). The nightly rate is \$99 and are being held under: *Tom Beard Football Officials Clinic*. Please note, to take advantage of this rate, you must reserve your room by 3:00 p on Friday, March 5, 2010. For reservations, call: 888.444.0401.

For more information on the Crowne Plaza, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/CP-TBFOC>.

### ***Clinic Fee: \$225 for Classroom & On-field; \$175 for Classroom Only***

To register, you can do so on-line by visiting [www.tbfo.org/clinic](http://www.tbfo.org/clinic). Or, you can complete the enclosed application and send it along with the appropriate fee. The fee includes instruction, the social, a continental breakfast, lunch; give away items (such as a high quality wind breaker pullover with the TBFOC logo embroidered), clinic material, and a critique of your on-field officiating from the scrimmages.

Please make checks or money orders payable to: TBFOC, Inc. Send payment & registration by March 1, 2010 to TBFOC, Inc., Ben Franklin Station, P.O. Box 14030, Washington, DC 20011, Email: [robert@tbfo.org](mailto:robert@tbfo.org). Enrollment limited, cost not refundable.

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**Complete this registration form and return by March 1, 2010**

**Tom Beard Football Officials Clinic, Inc.**

**Clinic Registration Form**

**Fee: \$225 Classroom and On-field; \$175 Classroom Only**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (IMPORTANT) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Option: \_\_\_ Classroom & On-field \_\_\_ Classroom Only

Shirt size \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ XXXL

Position Preference:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Disclaimer: TBFOC assumes no liability or responsibility of any injury sustained for your participation in this football clinic. By participating you state that you are in good health, free of injury or any disability that would cause you injury by your participation in this clinic. You further agree by submitting a registration form for participation in this clinic to waive any & all claims against TBFOC & any individual who are instructing at this clinic for any injury that may result as a result of your participation. You further agree that this waiver shall apply to TBFOC & staff jointly & severally such that no claim of injury shall be made either by you or any other representative, heirs or assigns for any resulting out of your participation in this clinic.

### **Officiating Profile**

- Years of High School Experience \_\_\_\_\_
- Years of College Experience \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you belong to a Rules Study Group \_\_\_\_\_
- if so, Association Name or Location \_\_\_\_\_
- What collegiate leagues do you work (W) or have you applied to (A):
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Include payment with registration form - Make checks or money orders payable to: TBFOC, Inc. Please send payment & registration by March 1, 2010 to the below address.**

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