

Shaw Named Sun Belt Coordinator of Football Officials

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The Sun Belt Conference announced today that Steve Shaw has been named the conference's Coordinator of Football Officials.

Shaw, who has served as the Coordinator of Officials for the Southeastern Conference since 2011, will continue in his role with the SEC while also managing and administering the Sun Belt's officiating program effective for the 2014 season.

Shaw replaces outgoing officials coordinator Don Lucas, who has been with the league in that capacity since its inaugural season of football in 2001.

"First, I would like to thank Don for his service to the Sun Belt Conference," said Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson. "For 13 years he led our officials program from its infancy to the well-respected, nationally competitive program that it is today.

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“I am very confident in Steve’s ability to lead our officiating program and take it to the next level. Steve will provide us with effective teaching and training during the offseason and will employ a systematic evaluation process that will allow the officials to improve their quality of officiating from week-to-week during the season.”

“It is truly my honor to be associated with the Sun Belt Conference,” said Shaw. “I am very impressed with the leadership of the conference office and the future direction of the conference. I look forward to being a part of a journey of excellence in officiating.”

Prior to being named the head of the SEC’s officiating program, Shaw was an official in the conference for over 15 years. He worked on the field for 14 post-season bowl games, including eight Bowl Championship Series games. He has officiated two national championship contests – the 2000 Sugar Bowl (Florida State vs. Virginia Tech) and the 2005 Orange Bowl (Southern California vs. Oklahoma). He has also been the referee for four SEC Championship Games (1997, 1998, 2001 and 2006).

Prior to officiating in the SEC, Shaw worked for six years as an official in the Gulf South Conference and as a high school official for 14 years.