

Referee Pre, Half and Post Game Duties and Activities

Pre-Game

- **Arrive early**
 - At least 15 minutes prior to game time (20-30 minutes if first game of the day)
 - In proper uniform
 - With required equipment:
Watch, pens, whistle, coin, flags, data wallet
- **Check field and equipment**
 - Markings
 - Holes, glass, rocks, debris, etc.
 - Goals (properly secured) and placed
 - Nets (secured, no holes/gaps)
 - Corner flags
 - Ball(s) (Home team provides)
- **Introduce yourself to the Coach & Assistant Coach**
 - Learn their names and write them down
 - Be approachable (not flippant, cold or arrogant)
 - Request Lineup Cards (aka Game Cards)
- **Check players equipment**
 - Team Uniform:
 - Shirt, Shorts, Shoes, Socks, Shinguards
 - If both teams have same color jerseys - Home team changes color or wears pennies
 - If thermal shorts are worn, they must be the same color as the shorts
 - Shin guards must be under the socks
 - Goalkeeper's shirt must be distinguishable (different color/or pattern)
- **Nothing dangerous (in your opinion)**
 - No jewelry, watches, earrings
 - No casts or splints (even if padded)
 - Hard knee braces are okay, but only if padded and safe to all players (in your opinion)
 - Medical alert bracelets may be worn, but must be secured to the player with tape, cloth wristband or something similar that is safe. **The information must remain visible.**
- **Brief Assistant Referees**
 - Neutral AR's:
 - Work as a team
 - Follow standard signals
 - Discuss non-standard signals
- **Club Linesperson: Non-neutral**
 - Explain expectations
 - Put at ease
 - Only call ball out of play (wholly, explain)
 - Raise flag straight up when ball has gone completely over the line.
- **Conduct coin toss**
 - Home team calls
 - Winning team choose direction of attack (goal to defend for younger players)
 - Losing team kicks off

Half-time

- **Collect game ball(s)**
- **Verify scores**
- **Verify substitutions**
- **List score for your team's line-up card first**
- **Discuss any issues and feedback during half**

Post-game

- **Collect the game gall(s) and return to owner**
- **Supervise team handshake**
- **Complete Lineup Cards**
 - Verify substitutions
 - Verify scores
 - **Print name (legibly) first and last name**
 - ***Sign name at bottom if Misconduct Report necessary***
 - Deposit in proper division box at referee station
- **Congratulate referee team and seek feedback**