United States Soccer Federation



The Pre-game Conference

PRE-GAME CONFERENCE

SHOULD ALWAYS INCLUDE:

Pre-game Inspections
Team Mechanics
Game Administration
Coverage of Boundaries
Coverage of Infractions
Coverage of Misconduct

PRE-GAME CONFERENCE

MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE:

Special Rules of the Competition
Team Tactics/Playing Styles
Characteristics of Individual Players
Personality of the Coach
Pre-game Ceremonies

PREGAME INSPECTIONS

Field:

Condition of Surface Lining of Field Goals and Nets Corner/Halfway Flags

Game Balls

Players:

Equipment

Roster/Cards

TEAM MECHANICS

Which Diagonal
Linesman's Zone of Control
Mirror Flags
Pre-Game Entry
Start of Each Period Checks
Positions and Signals For All Stoppages

GAME ADMINISTRATION

Timing
Recording of Goals and Cards
Administration of Substitutions
Duties of Fourth Official

COVERAGE OF BOUNDARIES

Touchlines
Goal Line
The Goal . . . Good, Bad, Ugly
Missed Flags on Boundary Decisions

COVERAGE OF INFRACTIONS

Offside

Fouls in General

Fouls Near the Goal

Penalty Kicks Called by the Referee

Penalty Kicks Called by the Linesman

Missed Flags on Infractions

COVERAGE OF MISCONDUCT

Players on the Field
Substitutes/Coaches on the Bench
Crowd Control / Security