

Pre-game instructions:

1. We are a team. We will inspect the players, enter and leave the field together.
  2. Our success depends on 3 heads observing the action and communicating well.
  3. I would like Jim to be the senior AR today and both of you to back me on time. When there are a few minutes left, I will signal with a few fingers against my shorts. Acknowledge if you concur. Use same signal to let me know if I haven't. Closed fist means regulation time has expired.
  4. I will be running a right/left diagonal so Fred take team A and that corner, Kelly you take the B team and the other corner. I am counting on each of you to manage the substitutions. Keep track of who is out and let me know when the proper number of players is on the field by taking your position. Indicate that you are ready for play to start by unfurling your flag.
  5. I will depend on you for ball in and out of play along the goal line and your half of the touchline. Indicate your opinion for goal kick, corner kick and direction of throw-in and move quickly to your proper position. On the far line give me ball out of play, if it seems necessary and your guess of direction if I look puzzled. Look at me when you signal.
  6. For offside, stay with the second last defender, or the ball, whichever is closer to the goal line. Be patient with the flag and do not signal until you are convinced it is needed. Hold your flag until I whistle, wave you down or I've missed it and the defense has cleared the ball. Do not signal if the ball is headed to defender who can play without threat. If I want you to leave the offside line to concentrate on the goal line for a free kick, I will signal the shift. Return to the offside position quickly after the threat is gone.
  7. On throw-ins, I am somewhat lenient. You watch the feet and I'll watch hands. Make sure it is a clear foot fault before signaling a foul throw. Don't worry if the throw is marginal, the object is to get the game going.
  8. At the end of each half, whoever is closest to the ball should collect it and bring to the center circle. We will enter and leave the field as a team.
- Anything that I missed?

Halftime instructions:

1. Good job, guys! (This is a genderless term on the soccer field)
2. Get some water. Take care of yourselves.
3. Is there anything that I am missing?
4. Any comments to help the other AR in the second half?
5. Keep up the good work.