



DISCUSSION: Pregame Responsibilities



TWO-PERSON PREGAME DISCUSSION

Attire and Equipment

- Whistle, yellow flag, cards, NFHS Rule Book, tape measure, pen or pencil, watch, golf ball, coin
- While on the field, accessories are black; hat/visor, jackets, shorts/pants, gloves, turtleneck, etc.
- Shirt tucked in, be neat, presentable, on time

Pregame Discussion with Partner

- Field coverage/Clearing Penalty Zone/Penalty Administration in CSA
- Shared areas//helping partner, when needed
- Need for eye contact, directional signals (then foul signal), goal confirmation signals
- Offside process: Time out. "Red Attack, Offside, Corrected. On my whistle" (no self-start)
- 8m Penalty Administration: Defenders get adjacent hashes/False starts
- Unusual situations and how to handle them
 - Boundary restart pass from out of bounds (foul)
 - False start on goal in GC (ball to dot; goalie stays in circle; no one behind)
 - Clock isn't working properly
 - Incorrect penalty administration by partner
 - Shot taken simultaneous with horn
 - Off-ball injury
 - Minor fouls in 8m arc: Penalty Administration on 12m fan; Indirect
 - Self-starts not permitted/clock stopped: officials' timeouts (Alternate Possession, offside, inadvertent whistle, foul in CSA during last two minutes of each half), after goals
 - Use preventative officiating to prevent false starts
 - Double whistles



DISCUSSION: Pregame Responsibilities

Walk The Field

- Walk around field together and note the color of the lines/dots/sub area marked
- Check the nets
- Be sure the goal is lined up on the goal line correctly: back of the posts on the back of the goal line (Note: the width of the goal pipe should be the width of the goal line)
- Pace off the arc and fan as well as the hashes for correct measurement
- Note any hazards on the field such as holes, protruding sprinkler heads, etc.

Table Personnel

Check that the scorer and timer are aware of timing responsibilities (TO requests, card timing and releasing players, etc.) and scorer is recording all cardable fouls/time of cards.

If possible, before the captains' and coaches' meeting, review timing of the game with the timer, (length of halves and halftime), running clock criteria, stopped clock situations, and overtime. If a foul occurs in the CSA with less than 2:00 minutes in the half, the clock stops on that whistle. Horn sounds 2x for timeouts.

Coaches'/Captains' Meeting with Partner

- Introduce self to coach
- Ask if their team's equipment meets the safety requirements for the level of play
- Identify the sideline managers, if applicable
- Identify the approved health care provider
- Have the home coach sign any necessary paperwork (pay vouchers, etc.) before the game
- Remind the coaches that the goalie must wear numbered jersey over the pads
- Conduct coin toss for choice of end to defend OR the first Alternate Possession.



DISCUSSION: Pregame Responsibilities

Team Equipment Check

- Be sure each player presents: goggles, mouth guard (not white or clear, no graphics of white teeth), and crosse. Check for jewelry, bracelets of non-ridged material on the wrist or ankle. Remember that players are not allowed to cover jewelry with tape.
- Check to see if the pocket is legal, both front and back.
- Goalie: check length of stick, mouth guard, separate throat protector, chest protector, thigh pads, gloves, and that the jersey is worn over the chest protector. Shin guards are now optional. Goalie bottoms must be same as team's predominant color, white, black or gray.
- Helmets, if worn, must be properly secured with chinstrap.