

Game Day:

- Park on school property if possible
- Try to arrive 30 mins before game – must be on the field 15 minutes before game time
- Upon arrival at field – perhaps while still in parking lot
 - Pregame conference: should do it always, particularly with a new partner
 - Some ideas of what to discuss:
 - Positioning on corner kicks, reminder of who has whistle on restarts
 - As the trail official, I will do my best to hustle to mark restarts – will yell to you to head up the field to watch for offsides
 - Procedure if you or your partner needs help on a call
- Check the nets for holes, not secured to goalposts/crossbar, MAKE SURE THE GOALS ARE ANCHORED DOWN (don't play unless they are)
- On middle school level, you may have to overlook some things, NOT THE ABOVE,
- Introduce yourself to the coaches, GET ROSTERS (don't play unless you have them before the start of the game). With late buses make sure you agree on a start time.
- Ask who/where/if there is a chaperone
- 5 mins before game, gather captains and coaches
 - Read sportsmanship card
 - Coaches: "Are both teams legally and properly equipped"
 - Flip coin – visiting team calls, winner decides side to defend or ball

3 things that must happen:

- Goals are anchored down
- You have game rosters
- "Is your team legally and properly equipped". Someone scores

Timing:

Varsity & JV: Two 40 minute halves

OT: Conduct another coin toss. (Non-League games, OT is not played if both teams agree. If one team wants to play, you must play the OT).

Two 10 minute periods – Golden Goal. If a team scores, the match ends at that point.

Middle School: Four 15 minute periods. If it is a 5 period game you play five 15 minute periods (no halftime). Teams exchange sides after the second period.

OT: Four period game – you play two 4 minute periods to completion no matter how many goals are scored.

Five period format – NO Overtime.

End of game: GET OUT OF THERE. DO NOT OBSERVE THE POSTGAME HANDSHAKE! – not FIFA