

Managing the Event

How to set up for success
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Preparing for the Varsity Match

- Call/Email your crew
 - Positive communication required.
 - Email sent does not mean email received and understood
 - Recommend 2 days before the match
 - Include cell number
- Do some research!
 - Are the teams ranked?
 - Are they traditional rivals?
 - Ask your crew, Miles, other refs
- Prepare your body

Pre-Pregame



Getting to the field

- Traffic is a wild card but some routes can be expected to be bad
- Stuff happens, to everyone
 - Let your partners and Miles know
- Weather related changes
 - Turf fields becoming the norm not the exception

Getting to the field



Arrival at the venue

- Dress professionally
 - Changing at the venue?
- Check the status of the JV match and let your partners know you are there.
 - How much time will there be for warmup etc. to get things started on time?

Arrival at the venue

- Meet the athletic trainer
 - Expectation management
 - Concussion protocol
 - Other events?
- Meet the AD/Game Manger
 - Someone other than the home coach
 - If things go south, this will be your prime contact
 - Special events? Adverse weather plan?
- Meet the clock operator/announcer
 - Review signals, procedures
- Field inspection

My pregame checklist

- Introduce yourself to **BOTH** coaches
 - Together if possible
 - Get rosters, game balls
 - Confirm pregame warm up time, introductions, walkout, ball handlers, etc.
 - Remember, you are being watched and perception is in the eye of the beholder

My pregame checklist



Getting ready to start

- Pregame with your partners
 - Expectations are key
 - Get everyone on same page
- Captains/Coaches
 - Sportsmanship issues
 - Properly Equipped?
 - Coin toss
- Player introductions
 - Check for proper equipment, jewelry

Getting ready to start



Christian Castro advances the ball as the referee indicates to play on.

PLAY ON!