

Coaches and Team Manager's Game Day Duties and Responsibilities

The game day rules and duties for coaches and team managers are designed to help the games start on time. Field spaces are limited and game times are set to where sometimes 6 to 8 games are played on the same field. There is by design only 15 minutes between each game. If a referee adds any time to a game then there is even less time between games. So come to the field **READY TO PLAY**.

The following rules are to help keep games on time and to help with referee check-in. Referees have been told what is expected of them and following these simple rules is what is expected of you to make it better for all. Here are the rules that must be followed **BEFORE and AFTER** the game to help keep the games on time.

BEFORE THE GAME

1. **Visiting Team** - When your team takes the field make sure they are in their game jersey that will be used for the game, and **not their practice tee-shirt**. This will expedite the check-in process and allows the home team to wear the appropriate contrasting color. **Presidio /SDDA rule is players are in their game jerseys 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the game.**
2. **Home Team** – Home team must change jersey color to contrast with the visiting team's jersey. Ask your opponent as to what color they are going to wear. Then when your team takes the field they will be in the appropriate color. This will expedite the check-in process. **Presidio /SDDA rule is players are in their game jerseys 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the game.**
3. **Rosters** – Make sure your game rosters in the Affinity System have **player numbers assigned to each player**. If you don't know how to do this contact Affinity Sports or read the Team Administrator's Guide. No numbers on rosters slows the team check-in process and will make the games run late. **Presidio/SDDA rule is that all jersey numbers are to be on the official roster prior to be handed to the referees for check-in.**
4. **Cal South Referee ID Cards Verification** – This must be done prior to the start of the game. The best time to verify the Cal South Referee ID Card is **when you hand your player cards to the referees**. Referees have been instructed to show the cards prior to the game and not after the game. After the game they have to check-in the next teams, complete the game/roster sheet and get some water.
5. **Start Time and Halftime** – Have your players ready to go at the schedule start time of your game. Do any cheers or instructions before the start time. **Remember, halftime is 5 minutes.** Do not make the start of the second half late, **referees have been told by Presidio/SDDA to report teams that abuse the 5 minute halftime to their assignors.**

AFTER THE GAME

1. **Immediately after the Game** -Managers or coaches must immediately after the game walk over to where the referees are located to pick up the game/roster sheets and your player cards. **DON'T MAKE THE REFEREE COME TO YOU**, This will expedite the start of the next game. Please wait patiently and give the referee time to complete the game/roster sheet, then check the scoring and initial the sheet if correct. Don't argue with the referee about calls since nothing can be done by the referee, and they have the next game to officiate. If you have a concern you can file a report with Presidio/SDDA to the appropriate Director for your circuit.