

NOTES RE: PREGAME MEETING WITH THE COACHES

BE PROFESSIONAL

DISCUSSION:

1. Introduce yourself and any official accompanying you.
2. Provide the coach with a written list of all officials working the game.
3. Tell the coach:
 - a. The current time;
 - b. The time of the start of the game;
 - c. The time that the team must be on the sideline; and
 - d. The time of the coin toss.
4. Confirm the length of halftime.
5. Confirm that all players are legally equipped.
6. Find out if any player has a cast, brace or other equipment that needs to be inspected.
7. Tell the coach the sportsmanship is a point of emphasis.
8. Find out if the head coach, or a designee, will be making decisions regarding penalties and time outs.
9. Get the names and numbers of the team captains.
10. Find out if the QB is right or left handed.
11. Find out if the place kicker and punter are right footed or left footed.
12. Get and mark the game balls.
13. Find out if the team has any unusual plays or formations.
14. Find out who the "get-back" coach is and emphasize that the restricted zone must be vacated when the ball is live or about to become live. Also emphasize that coaches will not be allowed on the field.
15. Always end by asking the coach if he has any questions for you.