

Referee's relationship with coaches.

Pre-game:

- ✓ Prior to performing the coin toss, find out who the head coaches of the respective teams are.
- ✓ Introduce yourself by name to both coaches ("my name is ----- and I will be your referee for today's game").
- ✓ Ask them for filled out game sheets where necessary (for the WSC you will pick up game sheet from the club house prior to the game. In other Leagues, they have to fill it out and hand it to you).
- ✓ Explain to both coaches what your expectations are when it comes to substitutions.
(for correct procedure on substitutions, see the page on this website that addresses substitutions).
- ✓ Explain to both coaches, if they have any question during the game, to keep them to themselves until half-time or after the game at which point you will be willing to explain any questions.
- ✓ Shake hands and wish them a good game.

During the game:

- ✓ It is human nature for coaches to make comments about officials during a game, good or bad.
- ✓ Use common sense in dealing with any comments ("in one ear, out the other")
- ✓ Should any comments become **intrusive or abusive**, whether to you or your AR's, wait until a stoppage in play (i.e. goal kick or throw in) and blow your whistle to indicate to the players that there is a stoppage in time. Go over to the coaches' technical area and, while you keep your eyes on the field, explain to the intrusive/abusive coach that a second outburst in your direction or the AR's direction will not be tolerated and that if you have to come over again because of intrusive/abusive comments, the coach will have to leave the field. Should the situation occur where you do in fact have to come over again, follow up on your initial warning and tell the coach to remove him/herself from the game (do **NOT** show him a red card). If the coach does not comply, you end the game and make notes on the game sheet about the game being abandoned, as well as fill out the appropriate League paperwork, so disciplinary action can be taken against the coach.
- ✓ Never stop game play to explain to coaches as to why you made a certain decision during a game, even if they ask. As mentioned above, they can ask during half-time or after the game (in a calm and civil way).

After the game:

- ✓ Get signatures on game sheets/additional information from coaches where necessary.
- ✓ Shake both coaches' hands.

