

**INTER-ASSOCIATION COUNCIL OF
ATHLETIC OFFICIALS**

New Officials Football Class
Module 6
Pre-Game Duties & Responsibilities

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Pre-Game Duties / Responsibilities

◎ Upon completing Module 6, the student should:

- Know what duties must be conducted prior to the game
- Understand the importance of the pre-game meeting with the head coaches
- Know how to properly conduct a coin flip

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Pre-Game

◎ Contact and/or find partner(s)

- By phone
- Often will happen in the parking lot

◎ Determine the position each will work

◎ Attempt to walk onto the field together

◎ Inspect the field and equipment

- Remember the safety issues from Module 5.

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Meeting with Head Coaches

- Find the head coach from each team
- A required question to ask each:
 - Is your team legally and properly equipped in accordance with the rules?
 - Question must be asked of the head coach
 - Acceptable answers include:
 - Yes.
 - Yes, to the best of my knowledge.
 - As far as I know, yes.(If using either of the last two answers, the coach is still responsible for the legality of his team's equipment and dress.)

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Meeting with Head Coaches

- Other useful questions to ask:
 - Do you have any casts or pads that need to be checked?
 - Do you run any special or unusual plays?
 - Captains numbers?

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The Coin Flip

- Administered by the Referee
- A "Sportsmanship Talk" is required before the flip
 - The talk must be attended by the team captains and the head coaches of both teams
 - After the talk, the coaches may leave or stay

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The Coin Flip

- The Referee
 - Asks the visiting team captain to call "heads" or "tails" before the actual flip
 - Verifies the call with home team captain before the flip
 - 2nd official (usually the Umpire) should listen & observe
 - Flips the darn coin

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The Coin Flip

- After the winner of the flip has been determined
 - The winning team captain has ONE of four choices
 - Kick the ball away
 - Defend a Goal
 - Defer his/her choice to the 2nd Half
 - Receive the football
 - If the winner elects to receive the football, the loser must pick a goal to defend.
 - If winner elects to defer to the 2nd half, the loser gets to choose ONE of the remaining three options.....
 - and, hopefully, will choose to receive the football.

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Pre-Game Review

- Are you required to have a pre-game meeting with the head coach of each team?
- Can an assistant coach verify that players are legally and properly equipped?
- If Team A wins the coin flip and chooses to defer to the 2nd half and Team B then chooses to defend a goal, what do you ask Team A?

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◎ Questions?

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