

Pre-Game Responsibilities



Inspect the Field:

- Look for holes or depressions that could cause twisted or broken ankles and see if holes can be filled. All dangerous rocks, trash, or other objects that don't belong on the field should be removed.
- Nets should be securely fastened to the goal posts and netting pulled back so as not to interfere with the goalkeeper.
- **Goal posts must be securely anchored to the ground.** Sandbags on the frame toward the rear are acceptable. Posts don't have to be in the ground, but they must be anchored. No matter how good the goals look at a distance, always carefully inspect them. If they are not securely anchored do not start the game. **Safety first!** Any problems, even if corrected, must be reported to the league and the State Referee Office.
- Corner flags are in place and are not dangerous to players (at least 5 ft high).
- Entire field is properly lined.
- If anything is needed, the home team is responsible for fixing field problems.
- Any issues with the field should be noted on the game report.



Check in the Players:

- Home team players/coaches should be checked first but it's not a requirement. You should start with the team that appears to be most ready for inspection.
- Make sure that all jewelry, earrings, watches, etc. have been removed. A medical ID must be taped to the player's chest or taped to the wrist with the info showing. (Earrings must be removed. Covering them with tape does not make them legal). Memos regarding Medical Alert Jewelry and Law 4 and Players Wearing Non-Compulsory Equipment (with more detailed information) may be found by clicking on "USSF Resources" under the Resources Navigational Bar on the ISRC web-site .
- All players must wear shin guards and socks must be pulled over shin guards.
- Player's shirts are to be tucked in.

- Check in players and coaches as per the requirements and the Rules of Competition for that league.

