

## GAME DAY PROCEDURES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- If we have had or are having inclement weather check the SYSA hotline (703-729-8728) after 8:15 am on Saturday morning to confirm that games are on or off. Note that sometimes games have been canceled even though it is nice out – on the basis of the amount of rain the previous day. “Game time decisions” announcement means you and your players must go to the field and the referee will decide if the field is playable.
- Home team for the first game of the day needs to be sure to paint the lines on the field. **You, or a volunteer on your team, should try and do this on Thursday or Friday and then refresh on Saturday.** It can take an hour to an hour and a half to do. You need to put up corner flags and make sure the nets and goals are secure. It is a good idea to walk the field to make sure that it is clean of debris. If there are any problems with the field or field supplies (striper, paint, flags) please report the problem to Tammy Ryan, Club Administrator ([tryan1@verizon.net](mailto:tryan1@verizon.net)). If the weekend matches are rained out – the home team of the first match is **STILL** responsible for refreshing the paint on the lines by Monday, so we don’t lose the lines before the next match.
- Home team is the first team listed on the scheduled pairings. The Home team wears ORANGE and the Visiting team wears WHITE.
- On the field center circle meeting, both coaches and two TSLs meet to introduce themselves to the referee.
- During the game be positive to all of the players on both teams. Be sure to keep a positive attitude as your players and their parents will usually take your lead. Be sure to rotate your players and ensure that they all receive equal playing time and get to play all of the positions.
- After the game, be sure to shake hands with the other team, other coaches and referees to show proper sportsmanship. Make sure your team cleans up any trash on your sidelines.
- Home team for the last game of the day needs to be sure to take down the corner flags and put them away. Make sure that the equipment box is locked.
- If during the game something occurred that you feel needs to be reported, please do so as soon as possible to Tammy Ryan.
- If a referee does not show up for your match, a coach or parent should act as referees – mostly to keep the game moving and to keep the action SAFE. Whoever acts as a referee shall remain neutral and SHALL NOT coach players from the field.

**EQUIPMENT BOXES’ COMBINATIONS ARE: 3030**