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KNOW THE RULES

- Best way to prove you know what you are doing
- Read the RULE BOOK
- Come to training
- Talk about rules on drive to game with other refs
- Discuss a rule in pre-game
- Work to score above 90 on every test
- Learn what the rule means

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SAFETY

- Check the field
- Check the players and be firm. You're the adult here.
- Don't let hard fouls or tackles from behind go
- Don't let trash talk go
- Don't let the keeper get mugged and nothing happens
- Handle injuries quickly and fairly for the game situation
- Keep the game under control.
 - A game out of control is not safe.

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GAME CONTROL

- Take charge
 - Don't have to be a dictator but get things done before, during and after the game.
 - Have something to say at the Game Administrator meeting. Take charge!
- Don't let things go that should be taken care of
- Don't "let them play"
- Issue cards or warning when needed
- Eject when needed
- Losing it is easy, getting it back is hard.
- Talk with players, coaches, and most important your partner(s)
- Convince them you know what is going on!

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ATTITUDE

- Don't have a chip on your shoulder
- Work with coaches
- Give the impression that you are there for the them
- Admit mistakes
 - Correct if you have not restarted
 - Take the heat (if appropriate) if you have restarted: No such thing as a make up call.
- Make the coaches believe they are getting a fair game
 - Your are fair but how do they know it.
 - Why is sometimes they do not feel you were fair?
- Learn how to do the “right thing” in unusual situations.
- Be approachable if they are respectful
- What is your motivation for being there?

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Sell Your Calls

- Sell yourself first
 - Professionalism, Confidence, In Charge
- Mechanics
- Mannerisms
- Communication
 - Show them
 - Tell them
 - learn when each is best