

## TWO PERSON PRE-GAME CONFERENCE

Focus on what is best to discuss with your partner that day. Pre-game discussions differ depending on the needs of the crew.

- Field inspection – goals, nets, cones, sideline setback, lines (color and placement), special conditions; audible horn; any notable conditions – no nets, close walls, sideline restrictions
- Captains and coaches meeting – head coaches only, required statement, coin toss; extra balls
- Sideline personnel – timer, scorekeepers; rosters
- New rules or rule interpretations
- Field coverage – on ball/off ball; boundary coverage; coffin corner/end line;
  - Midfield shared areas
  - Shooting space responsibilities
  - Stay with the play: fouls by attack or defense during or after the shot
  - Unusual attack set ups; clusters of players blocking view of an official
- Draw: illegal draws, early entries, substitutions; count and check sub area before touching sticks; eye contact
- Off ball responsibilities: during FP set ups; CSA, transition
- 8 Meter set ups: who talks; trail helps to manage player movement and positioning; trail has a presence; eye contact before restart
  - False start: offense – immediate whistle; defense – flag or immediate whistle? Who calls it?
  - Trail helps with penalty area management
- Goal circle fouls – set up
- Self start: review when not permitted; false starts; settled position; when whistle is needed.
- Restraining line – get offsides early; simultaneous foul? Set up; staying with the RL on contested clears; responsibility for long lasting goalie clear;
- Mid-field play: double whistle in shared area; who sets up? Who restarts? Hold/arm or immediate whistle?
- Restarting play: eye contact; count players after TO or a card.
- Cards: use them including green; who is writing? Share/confirm information.
- Game awareness: level of play; is play getting too rough? Patterns; spread offense; face-guarding.
- Clock awareness: under 2 minutes – remind each other to stop clock in CSA; Check clock regularly in stop clock situation; end of period awareness; who has last second shot?
- Stick check requests: number of player; securing the stick; when allowed; penalty and set up.
- Alternate possession: circumstances; mechanic and set up.
- Time out: when allowed; who can request; who is timing; official's TO in certain circumstances; count when returning to field; managing injury time out
- Communication: signals to each other and to the timer; sideline communication in professional manner
- Team rivalries/coaching and team personalities – be professional and remain composed