**Mahwah Rec Soccer Referee - Pre-game Checklist**

* + Arrive at least 20 to 30 minutes before start of game in proper uniform
  + Greet coaches and show them your NWBSA ID if applicable
  + Check field for proper markings, corner flags, overall field condition, and ensure goals/nets are secure. If goals are not secure, you DO NOT play the game!
  + Check each player to ensure they have proper equipment
    - Shin guards with socks covering shin guards
    - Soccer cleats (baseball, football, softball cleats with extra cleat at the toe is not allowed)
    - NO jewelry or anything sharp in hair or anything on wrist
      * Simply tell them they can’t play with earrings. If they don’t want to take out, then they don’t play and that is their choice
      * Taping is not an option. Only acceptable taped jewelry is medic alert bracelet
    - Proper uniform and everyone is wearing same color jersey and same color shorts (if not, make a note for your report on NWBSA games)
  + Check player passes and coaches passes
    - EVERYONE MUST HAVE A LEGIBLE PASS IN DIVISION 2, 3, & 4.    
      IF THEY DON'T HAVE A PASS, THEY CAN'T PLAY OR COACH!
    - If pass in not legible, they can’t play – NO EXCEPTIONS
  + Keep passes in your possession and return at end of game (Yellow Card-make note of name for report ; Red Card, keep pass to send into league office)
  + Conduct coin toss with visiting team calling the toss - winner of toss will choose goal to attack and other team has ball in first half.  Team winning toss would get the ball in second half
  + Make sure you know length of each quarter based on division
  + - Division 5 (3rd/4th) = 15 minute quarters
  + - Division 4 (5th/6th) = 17 minute quarters – NOTE: NO HEADING IN DIV 4
  + - Division 3 (7th/8th) = 20 minute quarters
  + - Division 2 (high school) = 22 minute quarters
  + Start game by first checking with visiting keeper or captain to ensure ready, home keeper or captain, other referee, if applicable, then blow whistle to start game
  + Be energetic, keep up with play, blow your whistle LOUD when needed, be confident, and use good mechanics!
  + At end of game, return all passes to coach (unless Red Card), ask them to count
  + **Have fun!**