**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!**