



Side-line Etiquette for Coaches

- Pre-game call with the opponent coach to build rapport, discuss game location - parking, restroom, COVID-19 protocols, etc.
- Arrive early to the game location to welcome your players and the opponents
- Have extra balls and equipment in hand
- Bring Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and First Aid kit and ice in case these are needed
- Focus on coaching your team – Not Refereeing the game
- Keep in mind that Interpretation of the Laws is that, “it is in the opinion of the Referee” NOT the coaches
- Understand that Referees are humans and that they make mistakes too
- Give positive and constructive feedbacks to your players
- Acknowledge your players when they are entering or exiting the pitch – pat on the back, etc.
- Be calm, even when in disagreement with the Referee – deal with the issue after the game with your club or PA West administrator.
- Congratulate the winning team and coaches.
- Thank the Referees, the opponent, your players, and parents after the game