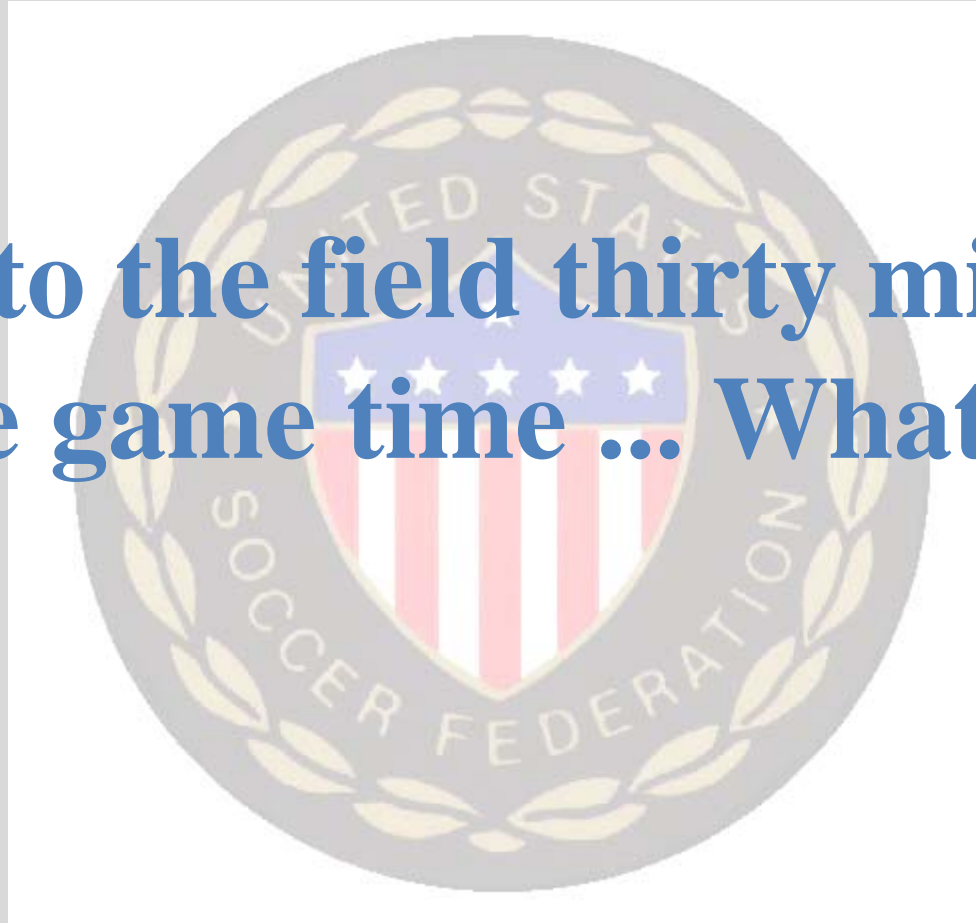
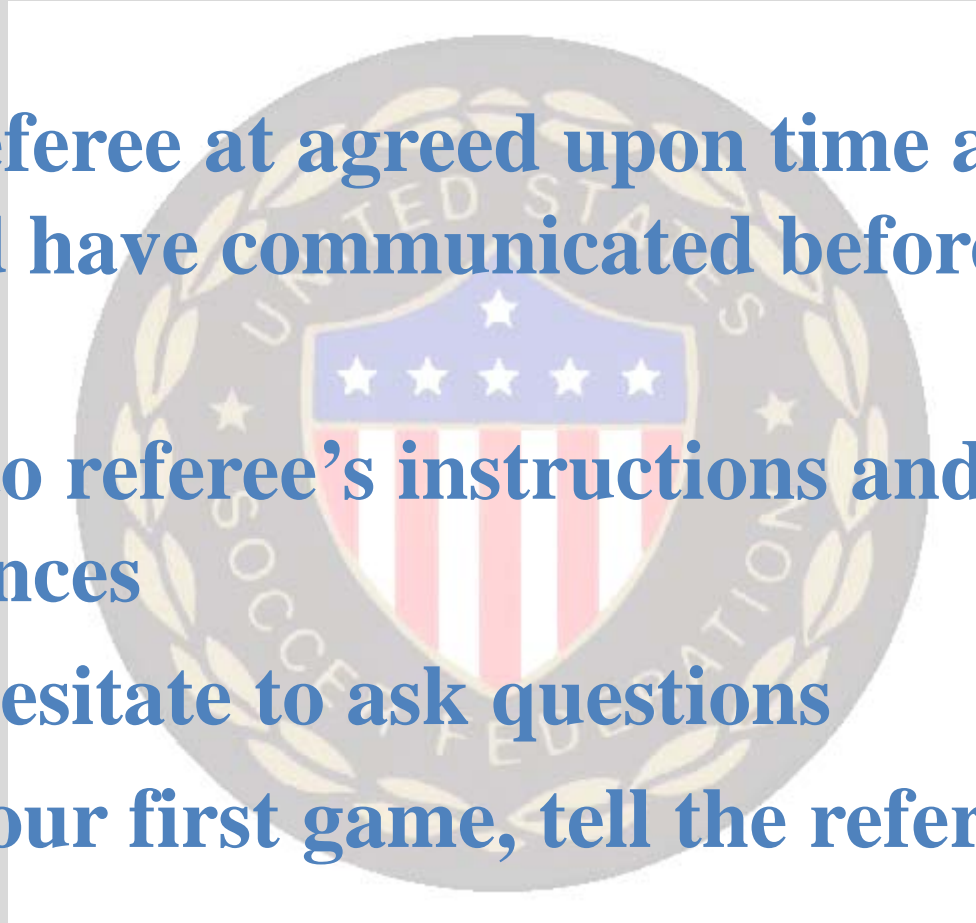


**I got to the field thirty minutes  
before game time ... What now?**



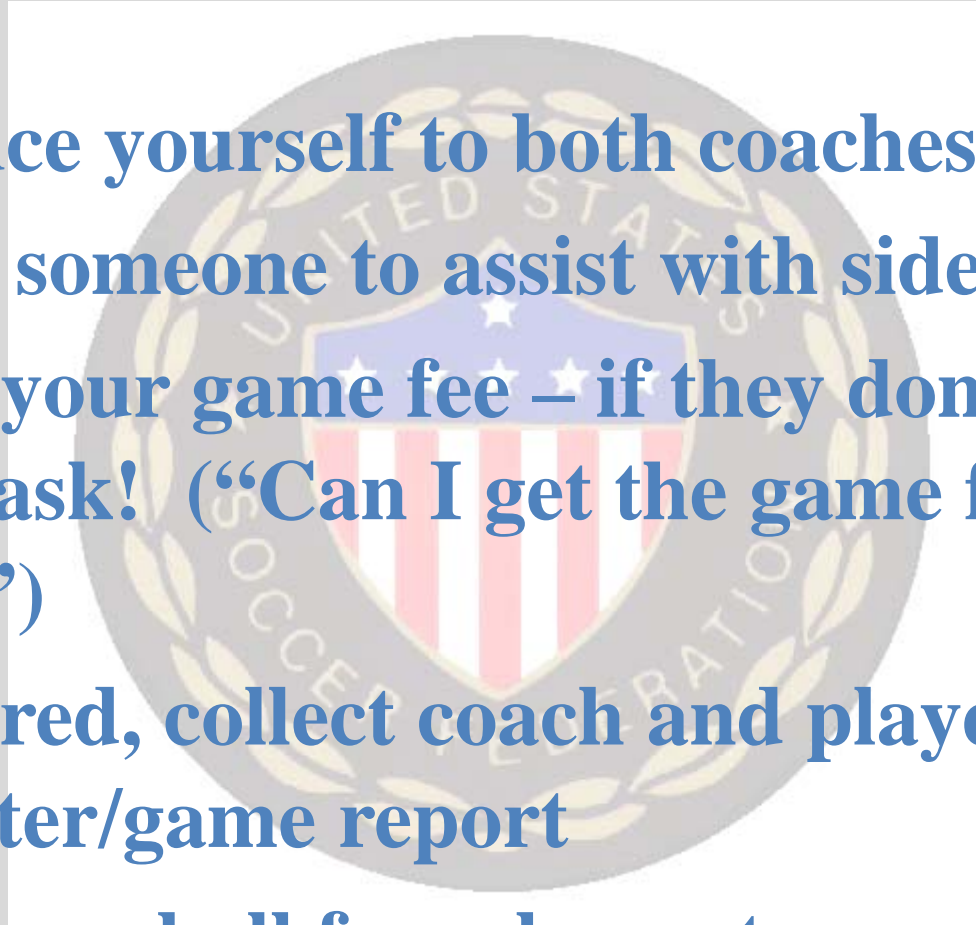
# Pregame – If 3 Officials

- **Meet referee at agreed upon time and place (Should have communicated before game day)**
- **Listen to referee's instructions and preferences**
- **Don't hesitate to ask questions**
- **If it's your first game, tell the referee**



# Meet the Coaches

- **Introduce yourself to both coaches**
- **Ask for someone to assist with sideline**
- **Collect your game fee – if they don't give it to you, ask! (“Can I get the game fee coach?”)**
- **If required, collect coach and player passes and roster/game report**
- **Get a game ball from home team**



# Check the Field

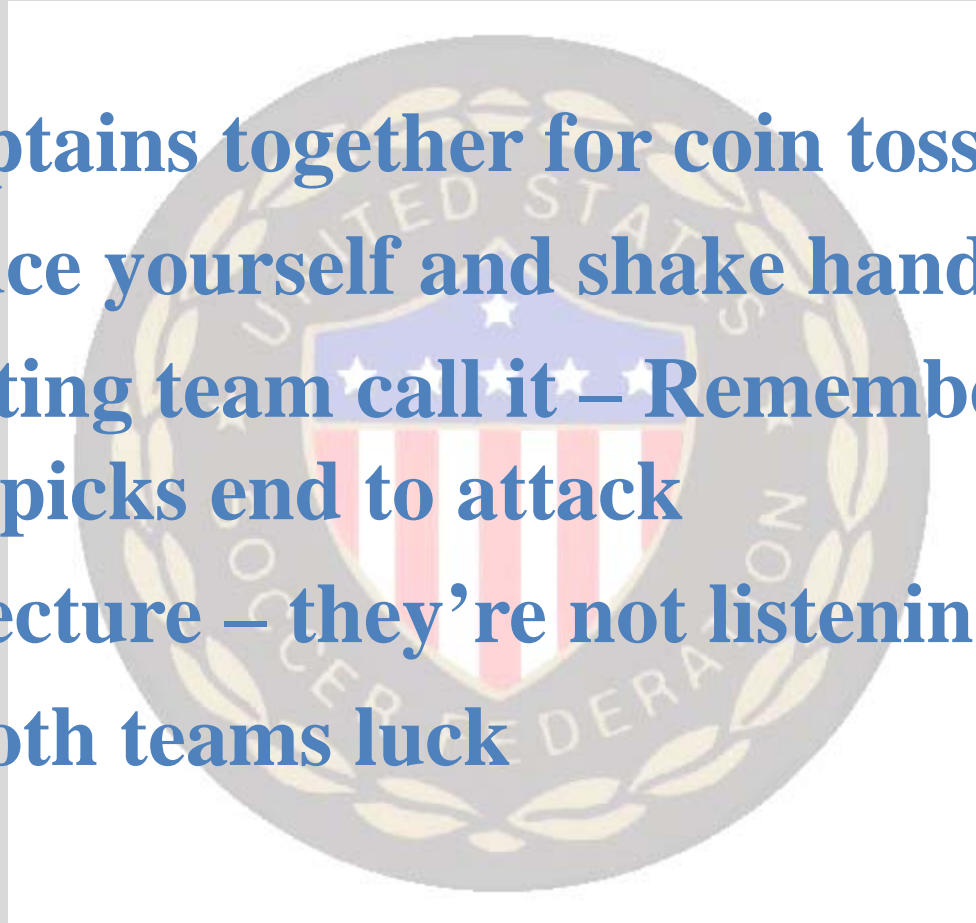
- **Lines** – Are they there, are they correct
- **Goals** – **MUST BE ANCHORED**
- **Corner flags** – at least 5 feet
- **Check for dangerous holes, rocks, etc.**
- **Think about where the ball is going to go (i.e. should you have an extra ball or two?)**

# Check the Players & Equipment

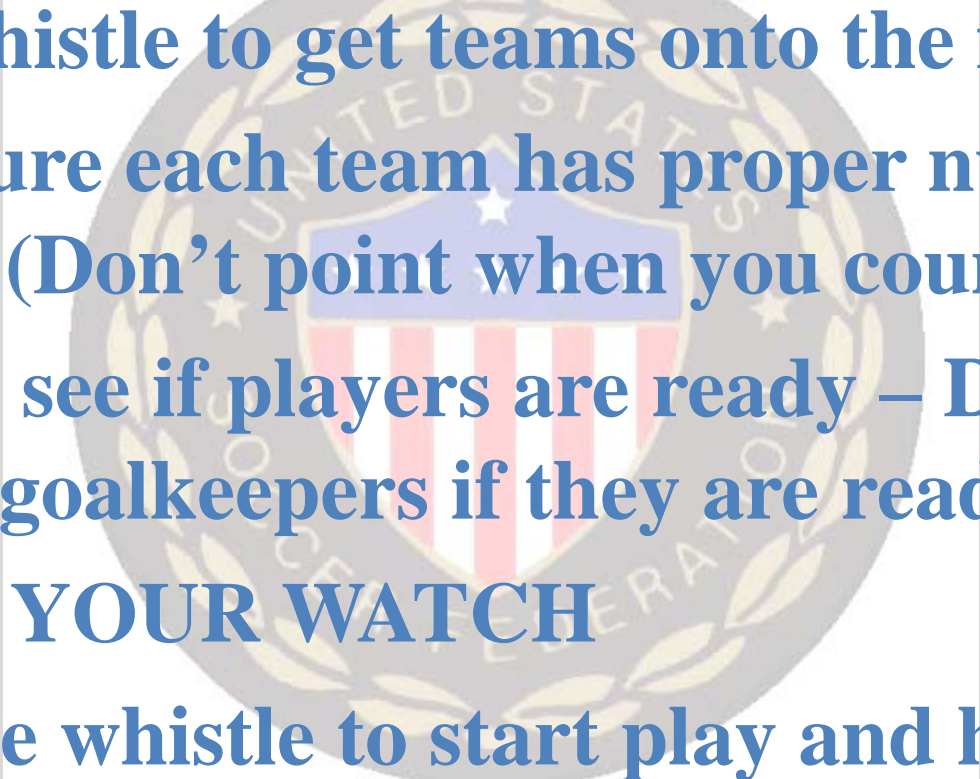
- If passes required, check passes and players – look at their face and make sure it's the same as on the pass! **NO PASS, NO PLAY**
- If collecting passes, check equipment at same time (NO jewelry; safe & proper equipment)
- If it's a house game, you can check informally

# Five minutes before Start Time

- Call captains together for coin toss
- Introduce yourself and shake hands
- Let visiting team call it – Remember, the winner picks end to attack
- Don't lecture – they're not listening anyway
- Wish both teams luck



# One or two minutes before start

- **Blow whistle to get teams onto the field**
  - **Make sure each team has proper number of players (Don't point when you count!)**
  - **Look to see if players are ready – DON'T ask the goalkeepers if they are ready!**
  - **START YOUR WATCH**
  - **Blow the whistle to start play and have fun!**
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- A faded, circular logo of the United States Soccer Federation is centered in the background. It features a shield with a blue top section containing a white star, and a bottom section with red and white vertical stripes. The shield is surrounded by a laurel wreath. The words "UNITED STATES" are arched above the shield, and "SOCCER FEDERATION" is arched below it.