



POINTS TO READ THROUGH PRIOR TO MATCH

- Work as a team
- Run hard, deep into forward line, do the little things
- As number 2 push up to back of square when ball is in end zone
- Look to tap through or run through when ball is 35 or more out from goal or volatile situation.
- Forward observation umpire not controlling mark runs forward eyes directed to goal area...
- Must always line player up and set mark when kick to score.
- 1 umpire must always control mark at set kick, verbally, watching the mark and player with the ball, clear 5m protected area.
- Let the players know you are in control
- 7 sec rule around ground to get play moving. 7-10 sec at kick in from point being scored.
- Must ensure ball player is protected and given ample opportunity to dispose of ball.
- To reward the tackler, ensure the tackle is fair and retards the ball user.
- Don't get sucked into packs keep 15m- distance and move around packs.
- Side onto play is the best position to pay or not to pay free kicks.
- Linger after disposal if in doubt pay downfield.
- If the ball players elect to or wants to play on (ball behind mark) then allow him as long as the 5m area is clear.
- Pay the major free kicks (grandma pays in the back seat of the grandstand) get all head highs, no such thing as a soft head high.
- Don't get flat footed keep moving ready for next act of play be aware anticipate don't react...
- Move around stoppages-allow players to get ball free.
- Front on contact get in pay free kick...
- Must ensure the game is played in right spirit
- Players wishing to wrestle, fight send off if they don't stop immediately issue one warning prior to carding them.....
 - Whistle, signal, trigger, control
- Enjoy the challenge

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