



Pre-Match Organisation

A few thoughts that you might like to take on-board.

Basics

Ensure you know the Replacements/Substitutes Regulations for that Game

Do you know where you're going? (Roadworks on M6 - It's FA Cup Week-end & Universities are Returning - additional traffic)

Avoid getting involved with coaches/etc. in debate over interpretations

Find out from both Captains when they want kit etc checking - don't dictate!

- the earlier the Better
- Check Kit/Studs - chat to the Captain as you go around- words like "I'd like to see tacklers rolling away etc.
- Remind them about law changes and interpretations
- Kit MUST comply - any queries - ask them to show you the IRB Mark
- Talk to Fly Half - "Hand up - keep them back" (AND DO IT CONSISTENTLY DURING THE GAME)
- Find out who is TJ
- First Aid Facilities
- Are they aware of Cup regulations e.g Front Row & Extra Time. Are you??

Toss Up

- Agree when - again earlier rather than later
- Don't lecture them - they've heard it before
- Team of Three Ref & Captains
- Player discipline is THEIR responsibility
- Talk to me (not at me) if any problems - at a natural breakdown
- Who's leading backs/forwards
- Decision (kick or choice of end) – 15 mins before they go out (so you can tell the opposition)

