

RUGBY NOVA SCOTIA
Game Management for Team Captains

- 1) Before the game, tell your players what you know about the referee in terms of reacting to on-field situations. Encourage them to work with the referee rather than against.
- 2) Let your players know what your expectations are of them during the game in regards to the referee and discipline.
- 3) After the coin toss, convey the referee's expectations to your players. If you treat the referee's expectations with disdain that will be a signal to the rest of the team to do likewise.
- 4) During the game, avoid temptation to show disrespect to the referee even if you believe he made a bad/wrong or missed a call. This attitude will quickly transcend to your players.
- 5) Accept all the referee's decisions even though you may disagree with them.
- 6) At stoppages, ask for unclear decisions to be explained and convey this information to your players.
- 7) Be prepared to control your players to the point of sending them off to cool down.
- 8) Finally, if the referee sends off a player, you must provide details of the incident to your club Executive and Rugby NS as soon as possible.