

HOW TO GUIDE HALF A GAME CO-ORDINATOR

Half A Game recommends equal playing opportunities for minis and juniors with the overall aim to recruit and retain more children in the game by focusing on the rewards of participation rather than the results of a match. It is part of the WRU's overarching remit to engage more people, more often with more enjoyment and more success.



WHO CAN BE A CO-ORDINATOR?

Team manager/ coach / parent

WHAT IS THEIR ROLE?

The coordinator is the Half A Game ambassador at the club with responsibility for communicating the principles and benefits of the initiative. His/her role is to act as the first point of contact for parents and coaches. The coordinator supports the coaches in their delivery of an active, purposeful, enjoyable and safe Half A Game for everyone involved.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

As the Half A Game coordinator, you could set up a club meeting at the start of the season to outline the Half A Game recommendations. Use the Half A Game presentation and other resources on the WRU Coaching Locker to share the benefits of the initiative with players and parents. You can also download the media tool kit and spread the word more widely throughout your local community.

MATCHDAY OPERATIONS:

In preparation for the matches, think about the players expected to turn up, the coaches available and the format of the day. Organise players into groups and assign coaches to each group of players to ensure that everyone is safe and having fun when they are playing or waiting to play.

Discuss mini round robins or multiple games with the coach to facilitate game time for all rather than one-off fixtures. Be the first point of contact for the coach and parents during the match. Help with substitutions where necessary and ensure everyone knows what is happening. The coaches will be using Half A Game team sheets to keep track of the system being played (quarters or halves). Further resources are also available on the WRU Coaching Locker - www.wrucoachinglocker.co.uk