

## HOW TO GUIDE HALF A GAME COACH

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.



Half A Game recommends that coaches provide equal playing opportunities which are active, purposeful, enjoyable and safe for all players.

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

- Along with the Half A Game coordinator, you may want to 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.
- There is also a media tool kit available to spread the word more widely throughout your local community.

### **MATCHDAY OPERATIONS:**

- Liaise with the Half A Game coordinator, referee and opposition coach in advance of the match to outline when you will make substitutions (quarterly/half time).
- Speak to the players in their groups and explain the format of the game before the game begins so that team talks do not take place during substitution breaks, causing unnecessary delay to the match.
- Remember not all players may want to or be able to play a full half a game in some positions. Identify this at the start of the match with the Half A Game coordinator, parent and player.
- For the safety, development and enjoyment of all players, organise activities for players not on the field.