

## HOW TO GUIDE HALF A GAME REFEREE

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.



The referee facilitates the Half A Game principle of equal playing opportunities for all players by allowing teams to make changes at appropriate times. The referee upholds the values of Half A Game which are centred around the enjoyment of rugby participation rather than the results of the match.

### **MATCHDAY OPERATIONS:**

- Before the match, speak with the coaches to identify Half A Game teams.
- If only one side has adopted the Half A Game recommendation then make the opposition coach aware of this and explain that time will be given to allow substitutions to be made.
- All parties must agree on how and when substitutions are made before the match. During the game, keep accurate time during substitution breaks (allowing 1 minute to make changes) and make sure that the coaches do not enter the field of play during these breaks.
- Ensure the safety of all players in technical positions. If the game is one sided (eg getting to 50 points) start the game again and encourage players to change positions or coaches to make changes to maximise the playing opportunities for all.