

DUTIES OF A LINESMAN



Hi there!

I am here to help you understand the duties of a linesman for your child's game

LINESMAN DUTY ON MATCHDAY

For teams U12 and up only.

- The linesman is also known as the assistant referee.
- If you have been chosen as your team's linesman for the day, this is what you need to do.
- When the referee enters your field of play before the kickoff go up to him/her and make yourself known as your teams linesman.
- He/she will tell you what side of the ground they want you on and will give you a flag.
- The ref will let you know what they expect of you.
- Go to the side indicated (then swap in the second half) and wait for kickoff.
- You will more than likely be expected to put your flag up when the ball has gone out; with your flag indicate which team gets the throw in; put your flag up if you think there has been an off side infringement (if you are not confident with the off-side rule let the ref know before the game and he will tell you what to do); sometimes the ref will wave away the offside and continue play if they think it appropriate.
- Once play has started you must keep yourself in line with the second last defender on the field (the goal keeper is usually the last defender), so you need to run up and down quite a bit following that line.
- Also don't go past the half way mark, which is your boundary.
- Really being the linesman for the day is a great way to get some outdoor exercise.



Enjoy the game!