



Syracuse Board of Women's Lacrosse Officials 2026 PRE-GAME PROTOCOL

The following protocol should be followed for all varsity contests announcing lineups and National Anthem to allow a standard warm-up procedure at every venue.

4:00pm game time is used in the following example:

Real Time	Game Clock Time	Activity
3:40	10:00	Meet with possession clock operator and review procedures
3:45	5:00	Captains Meeting
3:50	00:00	Clear Field/Stick Check
3:55	00:00	Lineups Announced
3:57	00:00	National Anthem
4:00	00:00	Opening Draw

** Teams must be allowed 20 minutes for warm-up regardless of arrival time.

Officials meeting with captains and coaches.

- Ask captains and coaches to introduce themselves and officials introduce themselves.
- Verify with both Head Coaches that all players are properly equipped. (Note the coach that attends the coach's captain's meeting is deemed the head coach and is the only coach that may address the officials during the game.)
- Ask coaches if they have any rules questions **pertaining to today's contest** and address them concisely using language of the rules.
- Discuss designated field markings and any potential field hazards.
- Agree upon the half time intermission. Half time may not exceed 10 minutes.
- Instruct coaches they may remain for rest of meeting or return to their teams.
- Visiting team captain calls all coin tosses. Winner of toss has option to select initial alternate possession or which goal to defend. Other team is given the remaining option.
- Inform captains that they may address officials for rule clarifications or concerns.