



**AMERICA  
SCORES**  
Bay Area

# Game Day Check List

**America SCORES Game Days consist of the following rituals to reinforce SCORES Values:**

- 1) SCORES Pledge (Commitment)**
- 2) Pre-game team cheer (Teamwork)**
- 3) Book Zone (Literacy)**
- 4) Poetry Shares (Voice)**
- 5) Post-game High-5 line (Sportsmanship)**
- 6) Patch Ceremony (Leadership)**
- 7) Parent Tunnel (Community)**

## Before the Game Starts

- Check in with your Program Manager no later than Thursday if you need anything for Game Day.
- What to bring:** Student/Parent contact info sheet, Team Roster / Attendance sheet, soccer balls and cones for warm up, a whistle, and anything else you may want for Game Day.
- Arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of your game
- Make sure that all of your players are wearing the **proper equipment** to play (closed toe shoes, shin guards, team jersey, no jewelry).
- Make sure your team's parents are standing on the sidelines** and not behind the goal.

## Applying the 3 Golden Rules During the Game

*At America SCORES we believe that it is healthy for students monitor their own behavior and resolve conflicts on and off the field by applying "The 3 Golden Rules." Tell your team:*

- 1) Be Honest:** Stop and raise your hand if you commit a foul or handball and give a free kick to the other team.
  - 2) Keep your hands and feet to yourself:** If you commit a foul, be honest. But remember that some contact happens in soccer and can use your body to protect the ball.
  - 3) No putdowns:** Always be kind and positive to your teammates and to the other team.
- If the Game Day is using the 3 Golden Rules with no referees: if there is a clear foul or hand ball, please blow your whistle** and give an indirect free kick. If there are repeated improper goal kicks and throw-ins, please blow your whistle and enter the field to address what you saw, and demonstrate how it's properly done.
  - If there are any issues**, please alert SCORES staff right away
  - Additional rules:**
    - **All free kicks are "indirect"** which means that two players must touch the ball before they score!
    - **NO headers**, if a header occurs it is an indirect free kick from the spot of the header.
    - **NO slide tackling.**
  - Equal playing time for everyone.**

## After the Game Starts

- At the end of the game line-up for High 5's** with the other team and then do a **SCORES Patch Ceremony** where each coach will select a player from the opposing team, give them a patch, and explain how they earned it by showing great leadership, sportsmanship or teamwork.
- Do a team huddle / meeting with your team after the game** (this is a perfect time to talk about **ELM: Effort, Learning, and Mistakes are OK**).
- Ask parents to bring water and healthy snacks for after Game day.
- Make sure that your area is free of trash before you leave.