Umpire Briefing.

It is important that you give a briefing before the match takes place.

All players need to be present for this. Socially Distanced.

Umpire Briefing: Give an Umpire Briefing to both teams, to include:

1) Advise players that they should not be consciously increasing risks

2) Reminder of rule modifications – 4ft spacing for the start of play; 4ft marking; 4ft position of penalised player; removal of idle interactions; removal of toss ups. Advise players to look for umpires as will be trying to help players to stay on the right side of the modifications

3) Advise NO stepping in (e.g. GS stepping in at a shot)

4) Team to sanitise ball every 15 minutes or sooner

5) Players to sanitise hands before each quarter and immediately after they return to their team bench at the end of each quarter

6) If the goal post is touched during play (with hand or leant on by a player), the umpire will hold time and the home team must sanitise the post before play can be resumed. Umpire will blow whistle and signal to restart.

7) No excessive shouting is allowed e.g. LEFT, LEFT, LEFT. Umpire to give a quiet word to remind the player/coach.

8) Team talks are to be held socially distanced and it is suggested that teams stand on court in the goal third in front of their team benches.

9) Those sitting on the team benches to be 2m apart or 1m+ if wearing a face mask/covering.

10) Bib Sharing is not permitted. Ask what bib alternatives are to be used. Remind teams that no pins are allowed on bibs. It is the teams' responsibility to be prepared.

11) Players must wait for the umpires whistle before entering the court at the start of play and after an interval.

12) If the Match ball enters another court, the opposition should use their foot to return the ball. The match ball should still be sanitised and reserved. If the Match ball is touched by the hand of the opposition, they will need to sanitise   their hands. A player should not enter an ajacent court to retrieve the match ball.