

Coin Toss



Dallas Football Officials Association
New Members Training



Objective

The intent of this training session is to help you understand and familiarize you with the rules pertaining to the **TOSS**.

It's important you also read & study the NCAA Rules and TASO mechanics manuals outside of training sessions to get the best understanding possible on how the TOSS is performed for each contest being officiated.

Disclaimer

The information covered has been condensed and paraphrased to help you understand both the intent and the philosophy of the rules. The current NCAA Rule Book & UIL Exceptions are the final authority.

COIN TOSS

- Three minutes before game starts, the Referee shall toss a coin at midfield in the presence of not more than four field captains from each team and another game official,
 - Visiting team captain will call Heads or Tails.
 - Before the second half, obtain the applicable teams' second-half options.
- During the **TOSS**, each team shall remain in the area between the nine-yard marks and its sideline or in the team area. (*in sub-varsity this will be very unlikely*)

Bottom-line: This is usually not as regimented in Subvaristy games as described above.

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The winner of the **TOSS** shall choose one of the following options:

- To designate which team shall kick off.
- To designate which goal line his team shall defend.
- To defer his selection to the second half.

The opponent shall then choose option 1 or 2 above, as available.

If the winner of the **TOSS** chooses option 3 above, then after the opponent's choice the winner selects the available option (1 or 2 above).

For the 2nd half the loser of the **TOSS**, or the winner who chooses option 3 above, shall choose option 1 or 2 above. The opponent then chooses the remaining available option.

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Now, here's how it typically goes for sub-varsity:

The winner of the **TOSS** shall choose one of the following options:

- **Receive** (usually they say *"We want the Ball"*) or **Defer** (if they choose this other team will receive in 1st half) [Don't let them say Kick – they usually mean Defer]
- **Ask the captain of team that will be kicking off:** *"Which way do you want to kick?"* or *"Which goal do you want to defend?"*
- **For 2nd Half:** Typically, you ask the team that received in 1st Half: *"Which way do you want to kick?"* or *"Which goal do you want to defend?"*

AFTER THE COIN TOSS

- When the **TOSS** is completed, meet at the center of the field and make a written record of the **TOSS** results.
- Proceed to kickoff positions.
- Ensure that sidelines are clear.

COIN TOSS - Mechanics

Review the Coin Toss Mechanics

- Crew of 3-officials: SECTION 5. Page 12
- Crew of 4-officials: SECTION 5. Page 11
- Crew of 5-officials: SECTION 5. Page 10

In your first few games pay close attention to how the Coin Toss is performed so you can be ready to perform the Toss!

- **Mechanics Manuals can be found at:** www.taso.org then click on [TASO Football - Member's Portal Page](#) Note: login required