

Respect Handshake Protocol



The following extract is taken from The FA's Referees Guide to the Respect Programme. Whilst worded for the 11 a side game it's applicable to all ages with obvious adaptation.

The starting eleven from both teams together with the three match officials (excluding fourth official) should take part in the handshake.

Each team should line up on the same side of the half-way line that they exit the tunnel, with the match officials in the middle.

The Home team, led by their captain, then walks to shake hands with the match officials, and then the away team's players (see below). Once each Home team player has finished shaking hands with the last away team player they disperse to their favoured end to kick-in.

Once the last home team player has completed the handshake, the Away team then follow their Captain passing in front of the match officials to shake hands (see below) before dispersing to the opposite end of the pitch from the home team.

Once the handshakes have been completed the match officials then proceed to the centre circle for the coin toss.

HANDSHAKE FORMATION

