

TIMEKEEPER TIPS

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Scorers may be asked by the umpires if they would keep time. If you do not feel able to deal with scoring and time keeping you must tell the umpires before the start of the match so that alternative arrangements can be made.

If you feel able to time keep here is a guide as to what's involved;

- Ideally you should have three stopwatches, these should be provided by the umpires and/or your club
- The first stopwatch is set for 15 minutes (the duration of each quarter). If time is called during play, this is the stopwatch that is stopped and restarted on the umpire's whistle. The timekeeper needs to approach the umpire when there is about 10 seconds of the quarter left and count down from about 5 seconds to the end of the quarter for the umpire to end the quarter
- The second stopwatch is set at 30 seconds. This is for injury time (all stoppages for injury or blood are now 30 seconds). Umpires need to be informed when there is 10 seconds injury time left
- The third stopwatch is set at 3 minutes for quarter-time and 5 minutes at half-time. Umpires need to be informed when there are 30 seconds left of an interval
- In the case of only being two stopwatches available, the injury time watch can be used to time quarter and half-time
- The duties of keeping time can be shared by the two scorers