

Zero Tolerance Policy

COACHES/ASSISTANT COACHES:

It is the responsibility of all coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and supporters in all games. Failure to do so undermines the referee's authority and the integrity of the game, resulting in a hostile environment for players, the referee, coaches and spectators.

Coaches are not allowed to address the referee during the game except for:

DURING THE GAME;

- Responding to a referee who has initiated a conversation with a parent or spectator.
- Pointing out emergency or safety issues.
- Making substitutions.
- Asking the referee to repeat a call.
- Asking for the time remaining in the quarter.

BEFORE THE GAME, AT HALF-TIME, OR AFTER THE GAME;

- A coach or assistant coach can ask a referee to explain a ruling in a polite and constructive way, but not a judgment call made in the game.
- Polite and friendly concern can be exchanged with the referee. If the polite tone of the conversation changes, the referee may abandon the exchange at any time.
- Absolutely no sarcasm, harassment, or intimidation is allowed.

PENALTIES;

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offenses, the referee may take any of the following actions:

- The referee may issue a verbal warning to the offending coach or assistant coach.
- The referee may issue a technical foul to the offending coach or assistant coach.
- If insubordinate behavior continues a second technical foul may be issued to the offending coach or assistant coach. At this time the individual shall be required to leave the facilities.
- The referee should abandon the game, if the coach or assistant coach does not leave the facilities.