



Zero Tolerance Policy Parents and Spectators

Team Name: _____

Coach Name: _____

Because of previous incidents in youth sports in the Oroville area and incidents of physical and verbal abuse, the Oroville Youth Soccer League has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. This policy applies to all coaches, players, parents and other supporters and referees effective immediately. Abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting and other behavior (including but not limited to sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the game between the above mentioned groups will not be tolerated. Ultimate responsibility for the actions of coaches, players, and spectators resides with the member teams.

It is the responsibility of the coaches to provide referee support and spectator control. This policy will apply to all times prior to, during and after the game. It is the responsibility of the teams to provide instructions to their coaches on how they are expected to carry out this responsibility. It is the responsibility of parents and spectators to listen to the coach when instructed.

Parents and Spectators

No parent or other spectator shall address the referee or assistant referees at any time.

This includes but is not limited to:

1. Spectators shall not make derogatory comments to players of either team.
2. Spectators shall not dispute calls during or after the game.
3. Spectators shall not advise the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play.
4. Spectators shall not yell at the referee, EVER, including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, discriminatory comments or feedback of any kind before, during, or after the game.

The only allowable exceptions to the above are:

1. Spectators may respond to a referee who has initiated a conversation with a parent or spectator.
2. Spectators may point out an emergency or safety issues, such as a player down on the field or observed lightning.

Penalties

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take either of the following actions:

1. The referee may issue a verbal warning to the coach of the offending party's team.
2. The referee may stop the game and instruct the coaches to direct the parent/spectator to leave the field. If the spectator does not leave the field, the referee may abandon the game and the team will forfeit.

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