

# Zero Tolerance Rule

Every coach and ALL spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do undermines the referee's authority and has the potential to create a hostile environment for the players, the referees, and the spectators. Consequently we have adopted the following rule:

The site director is responsible for the fan behavior. Any coach who does not comply with the referee's request to policies, shall be issued a misconduct warning.

Any coach or fan who verbally assaults a referee will be given a warning or be ejected from the game. Depending upon the degree of assault. The game will not resume until the fan is removed from the playing area.

## **Coaches – Allowable Exceptions:**

### During the game:

Responding to a referee initiating communication Pointing out emergencies

At half time or end of the game:

A head coach can ask a referee to clarify a rule(s) in a polite and courtesy way A head coach may give polite and friendly feedback to referee after the game! ABSOUTLEY no sarcasm, no harassment, and no intimidation

### Penalties:

1<sup>st</sup> Infraction – Referee will do a verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Infraction – Technical Foul

3<sup>rd</sup> Infraction – Second Technical Foul plus ejection from the game. The referee and site director reserve the right to eject an individual (coach) at their discretion due to the severity of the infraction. The game will not resume until the coach has left the playing area. Should the coach not leave in a timely manner that team will forfeit the game.

### Spectators – Allowable Exceptions:

During the game:

Responding to a referee initiating communication Pointing out emergencies

Penalties:

1<sup>st</sup> Infraction – Referee will do a verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Infraction – Referee should stop the game and ask the site director to quiet the offending spectator.

3<sup>rd</sup> Infraction – A final warning is given. Referee should stop the game and ask the site director to have the spectator be ejected from the bleachers. The game will not resume until the spectator has left the playing area. Should the spectator not leave in a timely manner that team will forfeit the game.