

ZERO TOLERANCE

Spectators and player parents shall not be abusive, confrontational or use obscene language towards a coach, player, spectator or parent. Any behavior detrimental to NBYSA providing a positive environment for our players to learn soccer and to be safe while doing so will not be tolerated.

No individual is to address a Coach or Referee during any NBYSA Soccer Game, or make comments on or about a Referees call or non-call while he or she is officiating at any NBYSA Soccer Game.

Exceptions for Coaching Staff or Player during Match:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Making Substitutions.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues. All conversations are to be in a polite, respectful tone of voice. No sarcasm. No intimidation.

Exceptions for Player at End of Quarter or Half Time of the game:

- Ask for an explanation of a call or a rule.
- Polite friendly feedback. All conversations are to be in a polite, respectful tone of voice. No sarcasm. No intimidation.

Penalties:

- **Initial Minor Infraction** – Verbal Warning.
- **Major Infraction** – Warning (caution) or Dismissal (ejection) from the field depending on seriousness. Total ban from NBYSA events.

Exceptions for Parents, Spectators, Others:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues. (Polite, respectful tone of voice. No sarcasm. No intimidation.)

Penalties:

- **1st Infraction** – The Referee, at the next stoppage of play will ask the Coach to quiet the offender (spectator/parent), or when applicable, the Referee will directly ask the offender to discontinue their actions.
- **2nd Infraction** – Verbal Warning. Referee, at next stoppage of play, will ask the Coach to warn the offender (spectator/parent), or when applicable will directly instruct the offender that the next infraction will result in either removal of the offender or the match will be abandoned.
- **3rd Infraction** - The Referee at the next stoppage of play shall instruct the Coach to direct the offender (spectator/parent), or when applicable will directly instruct the offender to leave the field. The Referee will abandon the game if the offender does not leave the field.

NBYSA may impose additional sanctions upon the offending individual(s) including:

1. Suspension or dismissal of coach or player from team position.
2. Banishment of the offender (spectator/parent) from participation and or attendance at NBYSA events.
3. Banishment of offenders (spectator/parent) family from participation in or attendance at events.