

Coaches,

This is a reminder about the referees that are officiating our games.

1. The referee is the **ULTIMATE** authority to the game.

- This means that they are in charge of the field! They are the ones to start the game, stop the game, keep time, make the calls, etc. We will not tolerate a coach who decides that they are going to usurp a ref during the game.

Remember that coaching is a privilege, not a right!

2. Respect the referees!

This goes for coaches first! Then your players will follow in your footsteps! We know that some of the refs are young and they are still learning, but please teach your players to respect the authority that is on the field by being the example first! If you have a concern or issue with the ref, please speak to them away from all the players during one of the breaks in the game. In no way should you question the referee with parents or players around. Please help by giving constructive criticism as if this was your own child. We work hard to get refs to come out to the games, let's not berate them before they have even begun!

3. If you have any problems or concerns with a referee, please send us an email with that referee's name. If you don't know their name, send me the time and location of your game and we will find out who it was. We will then forward your concerns on to the referee assignor and have him confer with the ref with regard to the incident.

4. For the younger ages, when we are past the 4th week of the season. **NO** coaches should be on the field during the game. Please now stand on the sidelines and coach your games. Give the kids the opportunity to learn without you out there on the field.

Remember that this is **RECREATION** soccer and it is supposed to be fun and a learning experience for all involved! This includes our referees as well as players, coaches and parents!

Thank you!