

Mt. Diablo Soccer Association Referee Abuse Zero-Tolerance Policy

The MT. DIABLO SOCCER Referee Administrator and Instructors are well aware that any referee may make mistakes. Newer referees, who often begin their referee careers at the U10 level (which is quite a challenge), will perform even better if we can make their job easier by controlling actions on the touchline and practicing positive behavior towards the referee team. All adults associated with MT. DIABLO SOCCER should always remember that we are modeling our behavior – at all times – for our children and that includes how we treat and behave toward referees.

However, the recent notoriety – and violence – by out-of-control spectators, parents and abusive coaches requires that the MT. DIABLO SOCCER Board of Directors adopt the following policy and to require all coaches and parents to read this policy and sign and acknowledge that they have done.

As a result, MT. DIABLO SOCCER Referees will invoke the following No-Tolerance policy in terms of managing touchline behavior by coaches and other spectators. It is the expectation that coaches will notify all team parents of this policy at the team meeting or via some other means of communication and will ensure that all coaches and parents read and sign individual copies of this policy. Coaches are expected to return their complete set for all coaches and parents associated with their teams. Ignorance of this policy will not be an excuse for referee abuse or any subsequent dismissal from the field of play.

Specifically, the No Tolerance Policy provides that:

- It is inappropriate for anyone to verbally contest a referee's decision and all concerns should be voiced in a civil fashion at the appropriate time.
- It is the coach's responsibility to control all spectators associated with his/her team and failure to do so will result in the coach and/or spectator(s) being sent away from the field of play.
- It is important that coaches and parents show the proper respect for all referees.
- Parents should instead be cheering their children during the course of play.

The following incidences will provoke the use of the No Tolerance policy following a single warning by the Center Referee:

- The failure of a coach to help control the spectators related to his/her team.
- Verbal comments made any coach or spectator related to his/her team direct at the Center Referee or Assistant Referees.
- Coaches entering the field of play without the Referee's permission.
- Any non-coach stepping on to the field of play with the Referee's permission.

Referees will report any incidences of violations of this policy and offending coaches and/or spectators may be subject to additional sanctions, including removal as coaches or a prohibition on attending matches by the offending spectator.

I have read, understand and will abide by the MT. DIABLO SOCCER Referee Abuse No Tolerance Policy.

_____ Coach/Parent # 1 Signature: _____ Date

_____ Coach/Parent # 2 Signature: _____ Date

Mt. Diablo Soccer
COACH / ASSISTANT COACH AGREEMENT
Fall Season

In consideration for being asked to Team Coach or Assistant Coach for AYSO Region 223, I agree to the following MDSA guidelines:

1. I will follow the AYSO "Positive Coaching" philosophy. I understand that AYSO is "For the Players" and emphasis should always be placed on good sportsmanship and maximizing the enjoyment for the kids.
2. A male coach should have a female present (as assistant coach or a parent) when coaching girls at all times and a female coach should have a male present (as assistant coach or a parent) when coaching boys.
3. I will be courteous to all AYSO volunteers and referees even if I disagree with their decisions. This applies to all referees and especially youth referees.
4. I will have with me at all practices and games my players medical release / registration forms, my signed roster, & "referee abuse zero tolerance" forms signed by every parent on my team. I understand that these forms may be requested of me at anytime by a member of the Mt Diablo Soccer Board.
5. All players shall play a minimum of 3/4 of each game during the regular season and playoffs. In cases where it is mathematically impossible to play 3/4 of a game, each player should play the maximum amount allowed.
6. The "Gentlemen's Agreement" to "play down" regarding teams that are short of players may be followed if mutually agreed to between coaches however it is not mandatory.
7. A coach or Assistant coach must be present until the last player is picked up from each practice and or game.
8. I will make sure that all adults interacting with a team have completed and submitted a volunteer application before the first practice in August.
9. I will make sure that all players have shin guards, and socks covering the shin guards, during all practices and games.
10. I am aware that the use of tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages and dogs/animals are not allowed during the games or practices.
11. I will help in picking up litter after the games and will use courteous behavior in neighborhood parking at the games.
12. I understand I am required to become an age appropriate trained and certified coach to provide the maximum benefit to the children and myself.
13. I will report to the Coach and Referee Administrators any player that receives 2 or more Cautions (yellow cards) during the season or a Sendoff (red card) whether in our fields or at a field outside our region.

I am aware if I do not follow the above guidelines, violations may result in sanctions against me up to and including game suspension(s) and or removal as Coach or Assistant Coach from the team.

Print Coach's name

Print Assistant Coach's name

Coach's signature / Date

Assistant Coach's signature/ Date

You must bring a signed copy to your Division Coordinator when picking up uniforms