



# Zero Tolerance

Too often, many of us forget the reasons for being out on the field: encouraging and supporting our children, promoting fair play and good sportsmanship, teaching the kids how to have fun while competing and learning that there is more to winning and losing than just the final score.

Our referees are unpaid adult and youth volunteers who are doing their best to ensure our children's safety while upholding the spirit of the laws of soccer. The referees cannot, and will not, tolerate any abusive behavior. In addition to setting a poor example for the children, derogatory comments or constant complaining about the referee's calls or non-calls, jeopardize our ability to attract and retain volunteers, without whom we cannot play. In instances where parents or coaches cannot control their comments or behavior, they will be asked to leave the game area, and in extreme situations, may not be allowed to watch further games.

Misconduct will be handled by FIFA Laws and Region 84 Exceptions to Laws (specifically, Misconduct and Disciplinary Policy).

**I, as a parent and spectator, acknowledge that Region 84 has a Volunteer Point System that ensures all games are properly covered by a neutral, whenever possible, three-person referee team. I understand that my child's team will be required to provide two trained certified referees to accomplish this goal.**

**I agree to the following to help ensure all our games will be a positive experience for our children, and all our hard-working volunteers.**

## Parent's Code

- Be positive; cheer on your team.
- Refrain from coaching; that is the coach's job.
- Do not argue with, or complain about, the referee's decisions.
- Make sure your kids arrive at games and practices on time.
- If your child will miss a game or practice, have the courtesy to let the coach know that your child will not be there.
- The use of foul language, alcoholic beverages and/or tobacco products at any game or practice field is prohibited and will not be tolerated.
- Be willing to volunteer to help the team.

## Player's Code

- Play for the "fun of it," not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the rules.
- Control your temper, and most of all, resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
- Never argue with, or complain about, the referee's calls or decisions.
- Be a good sport; cheer good plays, whether they are made by your team or your opponent.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and the referees; there cannot be any soccer games without them.