



Zero Tolerance Policy

Carrollton-Farmers Branch Soccer Association (CFBSA) has adopted the following Zero Tolerance Policy for ALL CFBSA age groups and teams.

Coaches, players, parents and all members of the CFBSA are expected to uphold this policy and respect the referee regardless of their age or experience. Many of the referees in CFBSA are young and just starting their careers as soccer referees. Please be respectful and support these young referees, and report any Zero tolerance violations to the V.P. of Coaches and Referees or any CFBSA Board member.

Zero tolerance violations will be taken very seriously by CFBSA and will result in warnings, suspensions, or removal from CFBSA. Additionally, violations may result in escalation to North Texas State Soccer Association where additional sanctions may be imposed.

POLICY

Every coach and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so undermines the referee's authority and has the potential to create a hostile environment for players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators. Consequently, CFBSA has adopted the following rule:

No coach or spectator is to address the referee during the game!

Coaches:

Allowable Exceptions:

During the match:

- Responding to a referee initiating a communication
- Making substitutions
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues

At half time or at the end of the match:

- A coach may ask a referee to explain a rule(s) in a polite and constructive way. This is not an invitation to debate or argue!
- A coach may give polite and friendly feedback to a referee
- Absolutely no sarcasm, no harassment, and no intimidation

Penalties:

- 1st Minor Infraction - Referee shall give a verbal warning
- 2nd Minor Infraction – Caution with Misconduct report submitted to A&D
- 3rd Minor Infraction - Ejection with Misconduct report submitted to A&D
- 1st Serious Infraction - Ejection with Misconduct report submitted to A&D

Spectators:

Allowable Exceptions:

During the match:

- Responding to a referee initiating a communication
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues

Penalties:

- 1st Infraction - Referee should stop the game and ask the coach to quiet the offending spectator.
- 2nd Infraction - A verbal warning. Referee should stop the game and ask the coach to warn the spectator that the next infraction will result in the spectator and coach's ejection.
- 3rd Infraction - The referee shall eject the spectator and the coach. A Misconduct report shall be submitted to A&D.
- The referee should abandon the game if the spectator and/or coach does not leave the field immediately. If the referee abandons the game, the referee shall file a report, and CFBSA may impose a forfeit on the spectator's team.

Communications among players and referees are governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game.