

# WSA NO TOLERANCE POLICY

In order to ensure a safe and positive environment for our players and referees, we can no longer tolerate negative actions from spectators, coaches, parents, or players. Please read and understand the following statements:

1. The referees, no matter the age, have taken the time to go through a referee training course to understand and interpret the laws of the game of soccer.
2. The referees will make calls based on their judgment, *from what they have seen*.
3. The referees *must* be treated with the level of respect that you yourself would demand if you were in their place. Parents, you are responsible for the actions of visiting family members. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.....
4. The referees are human. They might make mistakes. Treat young referees the same as you would your own children, and treat all referees with respect.
5. Foul language of any kind will not be tolerated on the sidelines by spectators, coaches, or players on the field or sidelines.
6. DO NOT approach a referee after a game to discuss a call. The game is over and it will not be discussed. DO NOT offer advice to them. Come to a WSA board member if there is a problem.
7. If you happen to be asked to leave the fields, please do so. The game may be interrupted while waiting for you to leave the premises.
8. DO NOT yell out disrespectful things to the other team. Do not tell your child to intentionally "take out" another player, or use any other unsportsmanlike behavior.
9. Understand that your actions can have consequences, which may include removal from the premises, being disallowed at future games, and team exclusion to entry into the Tournament of Champions. WSA has final say in which teams go to TOC.
10. Remember that it is a game played for fun. The players deserve a positive environment in which to play, free from over-passioned adult emotions.

Make sure you read and understand these statements and the possible consequences of your actions. We are all volunteers here. Just as you are. We appreciate your time and effort you put forth every season to allow these children to have a positive experience. When it's really for the children, it should all be a positive thing.

Thank you from the WSA board.