

**PLYMOUTH YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

All persons responsible for a team and all the spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for players, the referee and all other participants and spectators. Consequently, the Plymouth Youth Soccer Association has adopted the following rule:

**No one is to address the referee during the Game!!**

**Exceptions for Persons Responsible for a team (Coaches & Assistant Coaches)**

During the Game:

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

At half time or at the end of game:

- A coach or assistant coach can ask a referee to explain a rule(s) in a polite and constructive way
- Polite and friendly feedback may be given to a referee
- Absolutely NO sarcasm, harassment and intimidation

Penalties:

1 <sup>st</sup> Minor Infraction	Referee should ignore
2 <sup>nd</sup> Minor Infraction	A verbal warning shall be given
3 <sup>rd</sup> Infraction	Caution
4 <sup>th</sup> Infraction	Ejection
1 <sup>st</sup> Serious Infraction	Caution or Ejection depending on the seriousness of the infraction (FIFA)

**Exceptions for Spectators:**

During the Game:

- Referee initiating a communication
- Pointing out emergency or safety issues

Penalties:

1 <sup>st</sup> Infraction	Referee should stop the game and ask the coach or coaches to quiet the offending spectator.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Infraction	A verbal warning. The referee should stop the Game and ask the coach to warn the spectator that the next infraction will be an ejection or the referee will abandon the Game.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Infraction	The referee shall instruct the coach to direct the spectator to leave the field. The referee should abandon the game if the spectator does not leave the field.

If the referee abandons the Game, directs a person to leave the field or issues a red card or caution, the Referee shall send a report to the Referee Coordinator who will forward the report with his recommendation to the PYSA Executive Board. The PYSA E-Board can impose penalties up to and including suspension and/or forfeit of Game.