

# **BYS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

## **ALL PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR A TEAM & ALL 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, BYS has adopted the following rule:

### **NO COACH / SPECTATOR IS TO ADDRESS THE REFEREE DURING THE GAME**

#### **A) PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR A TEAM (COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES):**

Exceptions during the game:

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

Exceptions at half time or at the end of the game:

- A coach/assistant manager can ask a referee to explain a rule(s) in a polite and constructive way
- Polite and friendly feedback can be given to the referee

Penalties:

1 <sup>st</sup> Minor Infraction:	Referee should ignore
1 <sup>st</sup> Serious Infraction:	Caution or Ejection depending on the seriousness of the infraction
2 <sup>nd</sup> Minor Infraction:	A verbal warning by the referee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Infraction:	Caution is given by the referee
4 <sup>th</sup> Infraction:	Ejection

#### **B) SPECTATORS:**

Exceptions during the game:

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

Penalties:

1 <sup>st</sup> Infraction:	Referee should stop the game and ask the coach to quiet the offending spectator
2 <sup>nd</sup> Infraction:	A verbal warning is given. 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, THE REFEREE SHALL FILE A REPORT AND BYS MAY IMPOSE A FORFEIT ON THE SPECTATOR'S TEAM AND/OR PROHIBIT THE SPECTATOR FROM ATTENDING FUTURE BYS EVENTS**

**ABSOLUTELY NO SARCASM, HARRASSMENT OR INTIMIDATION IS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME**