

MPYSA

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Mt. Pleasant Youth Soccer Association (MPYSA) has adopted the following Zero Tolerance Policy for **ALL** MPYSA age groups and teams.

Coaches, players, parents and all members of MPYSA are expected to uphold this policy and respect the referee regardless of their age or experience. Many of the referees in MPYSA 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 Vice President of MPYSA or any MPYSA board member.

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

POLICY is as follows:

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, MPYSA has adopted the following rules:

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

COACHES:

Allowable exceptions during match:

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

At half time or at 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

MPYSA Parent Contract

In consideration of my family's participation in the Mt. Pleasant Youth Soccer Association, I and my family (inclusive of spouse and children) agree to be bound by the following rules: Rule 12 as per below, MPYSA's Zero Tolerance Policy on this page, as well as any directives from the MPYSA board of directors. I understand, and agree, that violations of these rules may result in punishment, sanctions, or other disciplinary action as directed by the Board of Directors.

#12- COACHES/ PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Coaches and parents are reminded that there is responsibility, which must be met not only to their players but also to the League. The following actions by the coaching staff and/or parents are **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** in all related soccer activities: **FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE; HARASSMENT OF PLAYERS; HARASSMENT OF LEAGUE OFFICIALS; REFEREES; OR SPECTATORS; ACTS OF AGGRESSION TO PLAYERS, LEAGUE OFFICIALS; REFEREES; OR SPECTATORS; ACCEPTING ANY FORM OF ASSISTANCE FROM ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OFFICIALLY SUSPENDED FROM ALL SOCCER ACTIVITIES BY NTSSA OR MPYSA; CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF MPYSA; VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES AS POSTED.**

Any violation of the above may result in a warning and/or suspension from all MPYSA related activities. Offenders can be subject to suspension from the MPYSA for an indefinite period of time. Parents and interested spectators will be expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. It must be remembered that all adults are examples for our youth.

Agreed by:

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date: