



DYSL Parent Referee Abuse Policy

The De Anza Youth Soccer League acknowledges that referee abuse by parents is a problem that needs to be addressed. Therefore, the following policy was passed unanimously by the league body at the January 2006 BOD meeting.

Referees have been empowered to “write up” parents who persistently abuse them or their assistants. After appropriate warnings to the team coach and offending parent or spectator the referee will ask the team for the name of the offender. Referees will write a report detailing the offense and send it to the league president. The league will investigate each offense and will apply the following penalties as appropriate.

- The **FIRST** time someone is written up, they will receive a letter of warning from the league.
- The **SECOND** time they will have to attend a mandatory PCA meeting and the team will receive a \$100.00 fine.
- The **THIRD** time they will receive a suspension from attending games for the remainder of the season.
- The **FOURTH** time they will be expelled from the league and so will the child on that team that the problems occurred.

Note that this policy will apply only to De Anza parents. Since we have no jurisdiction over non DYSL parents, we cannot apply this policy to them. Referees, however, have been instructed to deal harshly with offensive non DYSL parents as well. If a coach cannot control offensive non-DYSL parents, they will stop the match until the parent leaves. If they refuse, the referee will stop the match, gather all the players near the offending parent and inform everyone that the match will be abandoned because of the parent’s behavior.

This policy was put into place because we want a safe, sane and FUN environment for our children. It is their game, let’s keep it that way.

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