



## **WESTBURY YOUTH SOCCER CLUB, INC**

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### **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY – PARENT**

All coaches, all assistant coaches, all players, and all spectators shall support the referee before, during, and after the game. Failure to do so undermines the referee's authority and could create a hostile environment for players, the referee, coaches, assistant coaches, and all spectators including participants in other matches. Consequently, the **Westbury Youth Soccer Club** has adopted the following rules:

#### **NO ONE IS TO ADDRESS THE REFEREE DURING THE GAME!!!**

##### **Allowable Exceptions for Coaches and Assistant Coaches:**

###### **During the game:**

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

###### **Parents & Participants Penalties:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Minor Infraction – Referee should issue a verbal warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Minor Infraction – Referee should issue a caution – Yellow Card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Minor Infraction – Referee should issue an ejection – Red Card

Accumulation of two cautions in one match is equivalent to an ejection. If a parent has an issue with the referee, it should be discussed with his or her coach and NOT the referee. If during the game you feel your child could be injured due to the refereeing, you should pull him or her off the field and abandon the game. Notify your coach as soon as possible.

#### **SPECTATORS SHOULD NOT ADDRESS THE REFEREE AT ANY TIME!!!**

###### **Penalties:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Infraction - Referee should stop the game, give a verbal warning to the coach and ask the coach to warn the spectator that the next infraction will be an ejection, or the referee will abandon the game
- 2<sup>nd</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.

**EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES, SHALL PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE REFEREE AT ALL TIMES!!!**

1. Coaches are responsible for assistant coaches, players, fans, and their own behavior.
2. Any coach who does not comply with a referee's request to deal with a fan shall be issued a 'Yellow Card' as deemed appropriate by the referee.
3. Anyone responsible for the verbal or physical assault of a referee prior to, during or following a game will be subject to review by the Board of Directors.
4. Any team that refuses to provide the name and address of the responsible person(s) for the verbal or physical assault on a referee will be subject to review by the Board of Directors.

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Parent Signature

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Date