



Wallington Little league is reinforcing a zero-tolerance policy on referee/referee assistance interference & intimidation.

- At NO point should a manager, player or parent/guardian try and influence the decision making of an official.
- Nobody should approach the referee before or after the game unless it is to greet them or thank them for officiating.
- Everyone needs to understand that mistakes will happen. It isn't personal, there is no conspiracy against you – it is just a referee gaining experience.
- The referees are minors, any type of intimidation of a minor will be taken extremely seriously.
- We will be gathering regular feedback from the referees regarding repeat offenders. This could result in a points deduction for that team or a removal from the league.
- Managers must not enter the field of play unless in exceptional circumstances, for example: A player Injury, to protect or safeguard a child, requested to do so by the referee. Whilst on the field of play no communication towards the ref in relation to decisions should be made.
- The referees have been empowered to use their cards to caution or dismiss anyone failing to follow these rules.
- I (Patrick) am the referee co-ordinator. Any serious complaints are to be made to me and NOT the referee. Not getting a decision you thought you should have got is not viewed as a serious complaint – its life.
- The referee's decision is final.