

# Goshen Youth Soccer Association Zero Tolerance Policy

## PURPOSE

In an effort to provide participants with a healthy, safe and development athletic environment that encourages fair play, effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. GYSA (Goshen Youth Soccer Association), supports a ZERO Tolerance Policy for players, parents, coaches, game officials, team officials, Board Members and spectators. This policy requires that ALL field rules are followed, and a sportsmanlike and developmentally positive atmosphere exists before, during and after all GSYA events (home or away).

Abusive and obscene language, violent play/conduct, fighting and other behavior (including, but not limited to: sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the game between the above mentioned groups will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of the coaches to provide referee support and spectator control, and it is the responsibility of the GYSA Board Members to provide instructions to their coaches on how they are expected to carry this out. This policy applies before, during, and after the game at the soccer fields and its immediate surrounding areas.

At each game, A Field Official or Referee will address the Coaches and the Parents on the sidelines and review the field rules and expectations of the game.

## THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED EVERYONE'S FIRST WARNING

### Parents & Spectators

No parent or spectator shall address the referee at any time. Additionally, parents shall not make derogatory comments to players of either team.

This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Parents and spectators shall not dispute calls during or after the game.
2. Parents and spectators shall not make remarks to the referee(s) to watch certain players or attend to rough play
3. Parents and spectators shall never yell at the referee(s), including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation or feedback of any kind before, during or after the game.

### Penalties (Parents & Spectators)

In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take any of the following actions:

1. The referee may issue a verbal warning to the parent/spectator.
2. The referee may stop the game and instruct or direct the parent/spectator to leave the field.
3. If the Parent/Spectator does not leave the field in the allotted amount of time given by the referee, further actions will be taken, which may include law enforcement.

### Referee Abuse

1. Referee abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.
2. Abuse includes, but not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee:
  - a. Using foul or abusive language toward a referee that implies or threatens physical harm
  - b. Spewing any beverage on a referee's physical property
  - c. Spitting at (but not on) the referee.

### Referee Assault

1. Referee Assault is the intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee.
2. For purpose of this Policy, "intentional act" shall mean an act intended to bring about a result which will invade the interests of another in a way this is socially acceptable. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.
3. Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee:
  - a. Hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into a referee, headbutting
  - b. The act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury, damaging the referee's uniform or personal property (i.e. car, equipment), etc.

I have read and been informed about the content, requirements and expectations of Clermont Central Soccer Association (CCSA). I understand that if I have questions (regarding this policy) I will consult a Board Member

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Gaurdian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Gaurdian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO FOUL LANGUAGE  
NO GUNS**

**NO PETS (of any kind)  
NO SMOKING**