

Not Considered a Valid Complaint

This referee didn't have a clue how to call this level of play - they were in over their head.

Gee. We've never heard that one before.

Let's look at some numbers from 2010 and 2017.

- In 2010 there were 768 Classic spring teams
- In 2017 there were 1147 Classic spring teams. Up 67%.
- In 2010 there were 3180 certified referees.
- In 2017 there were 2874 certified referees. Down 10%.



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What Does That Mean?

While competitive teams rose 67%, our referee pool dwindled 10%. Is it not logical that there could be inexperienced officials doing matches?

So What is the Solution

The three solutions that come to mind are:

1. Know you *may* have matches where the referee's experience level may be tested, and make the best of it without (potentially) driving another referee away from the game;
2. Create an education program, with NCYSA and NCSRA partnering to help monitor and evaluate entry level officials;
3. Limit the number of Classic teams based on available, experienced referees.



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Parents Conduct

- Parents (and all adults/spectators) can greatly influence the players as the game is being played.
- Your role is to positively support all players with minimal-to-no negative impact.
- Yelling or screaming at players, opponents, the referee or other spectators **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
- Ask the question: "Would I behave like this anywhere else?"



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Unacceptable Conduct

- Vulgarity by coaches, players, or spectators directed towards anyone.
- Harassment of referees, coaches or players by anyone.
- Debasing of referees, coaches or players by anyone.
- Physical Violence or the threat of physical violence.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages in and around the playing area.
- Use of illegal drugs under any circumstance.



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