

Dear Parents,

I want to share an important direction that La Pine Sports Academy will be adopting moving forward.

The 24-hour rule is a concept embraced by many sports organizations across the United States. It aims to reduce the impact of emotional conversations between parents/guardians and coaches, team officials, or referees immediately following a game or practice, especially in the presence of players.

LPSA subscribes to this 24-hour rule. As parents/guardians, we may not always agree with a coach's or official's decisions. It's important to remember that our coaches and referees are all volunteers who are also developing and learning alongside our players. A coach's role is to prioritize the team's needs first and the players' individual needs second. Often, we view their decisions through the lens of our child's experience, which can cloud our perspective.

Here's how the 24-hour rule works:

- **No confrontations:** Parents/guardians are not allowed to confront a coach, team official, or referee about any negative situations from a game or practice until at least 24 hours have passed.
- **After 24 hours:** You may address your concerns with the Head Coach or a board member.
- **Referees:** At no time should a parent/guardian confront a referee. Any concerns about officiating should be directed through the Head Coach or Board after the 24-hour period.
- **Further concerns:** If you feel your issue hasn't been adequately addressed, you may schedule a meeting with the Board of Directors through La Pine Sports Academy.

Please note that violating the 24-hour rule will be considered a breach of the Parent Code of Conduct, which may lead to a disciplinary hearing as recommended by the Head Coach.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we strive to maintain a positive environment for our players, coaches, and officials.

Sincerely,

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