

Soccer Club of Ridgefield Zero Tolerance Policy

The Soccer Club of Ridgefield and the Tournament Committee have adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY regarding physical and verbal abuse against referees and/or any inappropriate misconduct.

All red card incidents will be reviewed by the SCOR disciplinary committee, who at their discretion may impose additional penalties above and beyond those administered by CJSA.

In summary it is expected:

- All persons responsible for a team and all the spectators shall support the referee.
- Coaches will maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and supporters in all matches. This includes spectator control prior to, during and after the game at the field and surrounding areas.
- Player's will respect the referee at all times. Refrain from abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting and other behavior detrimental to the game.

The Soccer Club of Ridgefield has adopted the following rule that **no one is to address the referee during the game**. Exceptions will be permitted in the following circumstances:

Persons Responsible for a team (Coach and Assistant Coaches)

During the Game	- Responding to a referee initiating a communication.
	- Making Substitutions.
	- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.
At Half Time or at the end of the game	- A coach or assistant coach can ask a referee to explain a rule(s) in a polite and constructive way.
	- Polite and friendly feedback can be given to the referee.
	- Absolutely no sarcasm, no harassment and no intimidation.

Penalties

Initial Minor Infraction	- A verbal warning
Any Major Infraction	- Warning (Caution) or Dismissal (Ejection) depending on the seriousness of the infraction.
Any Subsequent Infraction will warrant the following actions	- Dismissal (Ejection). Note: Person(s) must be informed by the referee that they are DISMISSED. If it is a player(s) their pass card must be kept and reported to the Tournament Committee and/or SCOR.

Spectators

During the Game	- Referee initiating a communication.
	- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

Penalties

1st Infraction	- The referee, at the next stoppage of play should ask the coach to quiet the offending spectator.
2nd Infraction	- The Referee, at the next stoppage of play, 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.