



# 2 minute drill

## for coaches



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## Respecting Officials

We Honor the Game by respecting officials simply because it's the right thing to do. Double-Goal Coaches® show respect by their tone and body language even when they disagree with an official's call. Double-Goal Coaches do not yell or publicly disagree with officials, especially if there is any danger of parents or fans getting out of control. We never want to add fuel to the fire.

One way to approach officials with respect is to wait until a break in the action and then to ask, "What did you see on that play?" This may give the official a chance to further explain the situation without feeling defensive or threatened.

We need officials to be able to play games. Double-Goal Coaches model respect by shaking hands with the officials and thanking them before and after games. Showing respect will even help the officials to do their job better.

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