

To All Coaches:

We are very interested in doing all we can to see that you have a very positive experience at our tournament. In recent years the amount and level of misconduct by players, coaches and spectators at soccer games around the country has increased. In an effort to curb this trend and improve your time with us, we feel it necessary to give you our guidelines for conduct at our tournament. Often it seems that spectators in particular are unaware of proper conduct.

- 1) No coach, spectator or bench personnel is to enter the field of play during a game, **particularly** if an incident occurs on the field. Coaches and substitutes may enter the field only when indicated to do so by the referee.
- 2) Only the team captains or coaches of the team may address the referee before, during or after a game, and then only for the purpose of information, not to question decisions. Remember, this applies from the time the referee arrives at the venue until he/she leaves, not just during the game.
- 3) Under NO circumstances should anyone ever touch a referee. Please be aware that just touching a referee can be judged as referee assault.
- 4) We are interesting in providing the best refereeing we can, and a significant amount of effort goes into that process. As such, we desire your feedback about the job we do. Instead of addressing the referee, please put your comments down **in writing** and give them to one of the Field Marshals or any Tournament Official. We will forward those comments on to the Referee Administrators and will also use the information to improve our referee scheduling.
- 5) Participants are expected to be properly **chaperoned** at all times, **including and especially** while at the hotels. Under NO circumstances will destructive, threatening or out of control behavior be tolerated

Violation of these guidelines can result in barring the offending person(s) from the fields, suspension or cancellation of games, or ejection of person(s) or teams from the tournament. Also, all infraction will be reported to state associations.

Please inform your parents and players of these guidelines, sign below to indicate that you have done so, and **bring the signed form with you to registration**. Please keep in mind that these guidelines will be strictly enforced. If you have any questions please let us know.

I have notified my parents and team of these guidelines.

Coach

Team

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