

# Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League (BPYSL) Official Match Play In greater Dayton, Ohio

## MANAGING THE TOUCHLINES FOR ALL FUTURE BPYSL MATCHES PLAYED IN GREATER DAYTON.

- This guidance is enforceable ONLY for future BPYSL matches played in greater Dayton; this is not enforceable for BPYSL league matches played outside of greater Dayton without the consent of the BPYSL area assignor. BPYSL teams playing in any other league or tournament are excluded from this policy.
- The leadership of the BPYSL committed to pro-actively communicate this guidance to all associated club administrators requesting distribution throughout their club before the start of each season.

This guidance is [effective 10/01/2019](#) & effective with all subsequent seasons.

### Why?

- Player distraction and/or listening to dissent all too frequently expressed with foul and/or abusive language - more from spectators than coaches - deprives players, our customers, of the right to perform uninterrupted to the best of their abilities throughout a match.
- We are all aware of our sport continuing to suffer in attracting & retaining officials. We have now lost multiple experienced adult + numerous inexperienced officials in recent years. Why? Dissent and/or abuse from coaches, administrators, spectators & too a significantly lesser extent players, creates a hostile environment.

As your assignor with agreement by league leadership, I am today drawing a line in the sand directing going forward [Dissent during any BPYSL match played in greater Dayton in all physical & verbal forms is TO STOP NOW - NO EXCEPTION!](#)

### Coaches/Players

**“Ask Tell Remove”:** We’ve all received this USSF guidance & training. **Without exception**, each official is expected to consistently apply this during all BPYSL matches played in greater Dayton.

#### Ask:

First expression of verbal or physical dissent:

- Coaches/players - The referee will politely warn verbally that there be no more dissent without consequences.

#### Tell:

Second expression of verbal or physical dissent:

- Coaches/players will be shown a yellow card.

## Remove:

### Third expression of verbal or physical dissent:

- A player must exit the field in a timely manner & will not re-enter play. The player continues to be under the responsibility of the head coach & must not be directed to leave the touchline.
- Coaches/players will be shown a yellow card and subsequently the red card (2CT) or no yellow card but straight red card depending upon the type of dissent.
  - Coach(es) must exit the field in a timely manner & is/are sent to their vehicle. If the coach(es) fail(s) to comply the match may be 'suspended'.
  - Play will not resume until the individual(s) has/have complied to the satisfaction of the referee; the match continues until close of regulation play unless '**suspended**' by the referee.
- If a team has only (1) coach and this coach is sent off further play ceases & the match is immediately '**suspended**' but **not** 'terminated' **unless**
  - An ADULT is present who presents a valid/current year U.S. Youth Soccer coach's card issued in Ohio. e.g. The opposing team has (2) coaches & (1) is willing to move to the other team for the remainder of play or a spectator presents themselves as willing to serve & hands the referee an acceptable card.
- The league will determine the match outcome.
- Collect & retain the player and/or coach card(s).
- Either a BPYSL or USSF post game report & all cards must be submitted to both the league & assignor within 24 hours.

## Spectators

Work through the head coach. The referee will politely warn verbally that there be no more dissent without consequences. Make clear this applies to all spectators, not just the source.

If the coach is uncooperative in communicating this, attempts to argue or otherwise fail to immediately execute the requested communication to the spectator(s) the coach by being uncooperative has now expressed dissent.

The referee will advise the coach he/she is immediately subject to the progressive misconduct process of verbal warning, caution, send off. Play will not resume until the individual(s) has/have complied to the satisfaction of the referee; the match continues until close of regulation play unless '**suspended**' by the referee.

If in the opinion of the referee the match has a high probability of finishing without further spectator incidents the referee is empowered as a final step preceding match '**suspension**' to direct the spectator(s) to leave the site & remain in their vehicle.

- Either a BPYSL or USSF post-game report, with the card(s), if applicable, must be submitted to the league; an electronic copy of the report must be sent to the assignor. Both steps must be within 24 hours.

Post-Match dissent:

Any form of verbal or physical dissent is to be reported to both the league & assignor within 24 hours using either a BPYSL or USSF post game report

Coaches/players - Politely remind that the referee retains all authority post-match & request the dissent immediately cease. If dissent continues, the referee will firmly but politely insist upon all cards being returned to the referee so the referee may retain the card(s) of the impacted individuals; return the remainder of the cards. If the cards are not given to the referee when requested, clearly identify in your report a description of the person refusing to comply.

Spectators - All fans continue to be under the responsibility of the respective head coach. Ask the head coach to intervene & document the situation & the response by the coach in your report.

Referee Abuse & Assault

Carefully follow all USSF & OSSRC training.

Use your cellular telephone as you believe appropriate.

**Consequences for officials failing to strictly follow the above guidance:**

Any official, irrespective of reason/excuse, failing to strictly follow the above guidance WILL be subject to an escalating scale of corrective actions.

With the strict application of the guidance above all future BPYSL matches playing in greater Dayton will be in an environment conducive to enhanced player & official experiences.

Please choose to be part of the solution immediately to avoid being part of the problem.

Your consistent support dramatically improves the playing environment of our players & fellow officials.

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