Region 89 -- Zero Tolerance Attitude

Our Matrix program operates with in these same parameters. We attempt to make reasonable modifications, which allow Matrix to compete at the club level.

Sports can be a wonderful part of growing up in the American society. Some of the good reasons to be involved in sports are to have fun, learn physical skills, to become a part of a team, to learn what it means to be a good sport and how to compete. When these things happen, the experience is good for everyone involved.

In AYSO, we want our youth soccer program to be safe, fun, and fair for both the children and the youth and adult volunteers. AYSO like many successful organizations has a mission statement. It reads, "The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) develops and delivers quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based upon on our six philosophies." The six AYSO philosophies are:

1. Everyone Plays
2. Balanced Teams
3. Positive Coaching
4. Open Registration
5. Good Sportsmanship
6. Player Development

To ensure that we have a positive season and that the above environment exists, we need everyone's help in developing a Zero Tolerance Attitude towards disrespectful and discourteous behavior. We have had a small number of incidents this season when players, coaches, referees and parents have forgotten about their responsibility to show the respect and courtesy necessary to have a successful season.

How can you help with our Zero Tolerance Attitude?

1. Be a role model of respect and courtesy.
2. Encourage others, reminding them when necessary, to show respect and courtesy to others, as they would like to be shown if they were in the other person's position.
3. Make only positive statements to players on our team.
4. Cheer for the good plays of all players.
5. Do not criticize referees about calls with which you may disagree, whether or not you are right and the referee is wrong.
6. Handle any disagreements of philosophies or decisions about coaching in private after a 24 hour cooling off period. There are no exceptions.
7. Only attempt to discuss issues concerning your own child in private with the Head Coach.

If you can not resolve your issue, your next course of action is to contact the Director of Coaching for Matrix in our region. If you cannot resolve your issue, you will then contact

the Program Director of Matrix for our region. If you cannot resolve your issue at this point, you will be put in touch with our Regional Commissioner.

We cannot allow yelling at the referee at any moment. They are human and bound to make a mistake once in awhile. They don't criticize the coach for playing his players out of position or parents for way they raise their kids. Lets show each other a little respect.

Allow you Coach to tactfully make any points that might be appropriate.

Violation of our Zero Tolerance Attitude means that players, coaches, referees and parents may be suspended for one or more games for failure to show proper respect and courtesy to others.

At the club level, it the responsibility of a registered volunteer to inform unruly parents to leave the game area and a child may be removed until they leave. If they don’t leave promptly, the lack of cooperation will be considered in the discipline forth coming.

Players are expected to refrain from unkind words and actions toward other or opponents and commenting about the referee's calls. Players could be suspended for the balance of the game, or the season for inappropriate behavior.

Complaints about referees are to be handled through the coach. They have access to the proper channels for critiquing their quality of service.

Coaches are expected to do their best in order to teach students of the game, all of the best aspects of the game and sportsmanship.

Coaches are also to treat all players equally in praise and correction.

From a positive perspective, Zero Tolerance Attitude means that we will maintain the fun, family environment that makes our soccer program the best around and fulfill our mission. Please join me in making this season an enjoyable one.

Keep Kicking and remember that it is only a game...