

JYSA has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to the abuse or mistreatment of umpires. No coach, player, parent, or spectator can question or approach, in a negative manner an umpire following the conclusion of a game. If in the opinion of the board of directors, this policy has been violated, the offending party will be suspended from attending and participating in games and/or practices, pending the review of the JYSA board of directors. Public displays of disagreement, intimidation or abuse of an official may result in the immediate suspension, pending review.

One Coach MAY call time and calmly approach an umpire to:

- 1) Request an interpretation of a rule and/or respectfully communicate to the umpire the rule that the coach believes applies in the situation.
- 2) Request the umpire seek the opinion of his/her partner on a play that an umpire would typically receive a second opinion. (Dropped ball, Rule interpretation, pulled foot, etc.)
- 3) Request an explanation of a judgment call for the purpose of understanding what the umpire judged to have happened on a play to determine if the umpire applied the correct rule.
- 4) Make a substitution.
- 5) Raise a safety concern.

Coaches, Players, and spectators may NOT:

- 1) Argue any judgment call by an umpire.
- 2) Make any comments regarding balls and strikes.
- 3) Request an interpretation of a rule, an explanation of a judgement call, or request any umpire get help by yelling at the umpire from the coaches box, dugout, or on the way to speak with the umpire.
- 4) Argue any call by making comments to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- 5) Make any gesture that shows public disagreement with an umpires decision.

In the event that a coach, player, and or spectator violates any of the follow they are subject to be ejected from the game at the discretion of the umpire.

Automatic suspensions-

- 1) If a coach, player, or spectator is ejected from a game they will automatically be suspended for one additional game.
- 2) In the event of a 2<sup>nd</sup> ejection during the season the individual will automatically be suspended indefinitely pending the review of the JYSA board of directors.

At no time is it acceptable for a coach to approach an umpire and provide them their views on the game, whether it be before, during, or after. If you would like to file an umpire complaint, please email [fieldops@jysa.info](mailto:fieldops@jysa.info).