

#Respect the Ref





Have you...

Ever yelled at a ref?

As a result, did the referee change his/her call?

Is it possible you blamed the referee for a mistake you or the athlete made?

Is it possible the referee made the correct call?

Witnessed your coach yell at a ref?

As a result, did the referee change his/her call?

Did your coach spend more time yelling at the referee or coaching and encouraging the team?

Witnessed your parents/kids yell at a ref?

As a result, did the referee change his/her call?

Did it change the outcome of the game?



A Crisis of Disrespect

- ▶ Verbal abuse & criticism
 - ▶ “You’ve got to be kidding me, Ref”
 - ▶ “That’s a horrible call!”
 - ▶ “Call it both ways!”
- ▶ Increasing incidents of violence against referees
 - ▶ <https://youtu.be/9P0QnY6S-6Y>





A Crisis of Disrespect

- ▶ NASO – 2017 Survey (17,487 Respondents)
 - ▶ 47.94% of males & 44.74% of females – felt unsafe or feared for their safety
 - ▶ At what level is Sportsmanship the worst?
 - ▶ Youth (50%) & High School (15%)
 - ▶ Who causes most problems with Sportsmanship?
 - ▶ Parents(40%), Coaches(30%), Fans (20%), Players(10%)
 - ▶ Who is most responsible for improving Sportsmanship?
 - ▶ Coaches(54%), Parents(23%), Schools(10%), Players(6%)
 - ▶ Sportsmanship is getting _____?
 - ▶ Worse(57%), Better(16%), No Change(27%)

A Crisis of Disrespect

- ▶ Contributing to reduction of skilled referees
 - ▶ Average Age – 53.29
 - ▶ 6.43% - Female Respondents
- ▶ Reasons people don't start officiating or quit officiating
 - ▶ Lack of Sportsmanship
 - ▶ Verbal abuse
 - ▶ Fear of physical abuse
 - ▶ Not worth it



Common Complaints

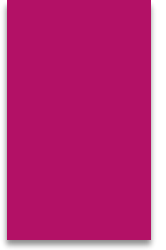
- ▶ The opponent had less fouls than us
- ▶ No penalties in the first half, lots in the second half
- ▶ The officials should not be working varsity contests.

What you think you saw.....



What actually happened...





7 LESSONS

For Referee Respect

Source: Truesport.org 11/12/18

- ▶ 1. Referees have more training than players and spectators.
 - ▶ Tests
 - ▶ Rules Meetings
 - ▶ Clinics
 - ▶ Film
 - ▶ Experience
 - ▶ Evaluations

Referees in the classroom



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- ▶ 2. More focus on the Ref means less focus on the game.
 - ▶ When emotions run high –
 - ▶ Intelligence runs low



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- ▶ 3. Referees should be treated as human beings.

They love the game, too!

#1 Reason why people get into officiating

Getting it right!



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- ▶ 4. Rude teams don't get close calls.
 - ▶ When you give respect you get respect.



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- ▶ 5. Yelling at officials is not effective communication.



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- ▶ 6. Try it before you criticize.



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- ▶ 7. REMEMBER – it's just a game.
 - ▶ The game needs officials more than officials need the game

Dear Mom and Dad,

Thanks for screaming at
the umpires and other
parents the entire game.

You're the best!!!



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REMINDERS FROM YOUR CHILD:

- I'm a **KID**
- It's Just a **GAME**
- My Coach is a **VOLUNTEER**
- The Officials are **HUMANS**
- **NO** College Scholarships will
be Handed Out Today