



HOW TO WORK WITH YOUR REFEREE

Introduce yourself to the referee prior to game, have a smile on your face, provide roster, verify length of halves or quarters, ask questions about any rules you are unsure of, if you are concerned about a particular point try to approach it with a positive "It really helps when the referee blows the whistle loudly", or "it really helps my players when the referee explains foul situations" or "When the referee works slowly and calmly it helps to control the game".

During the game, encourage, guide and applaud your team, but do not speak to, or about the referee. The only persons who should ever talk to the referee are you and your captain and this should only be done before the game, at half time, or after the game. If you need to speak with the referee to get a rules clarification or make a suggestion, speak in a quiet voice, have a smile on your face, walk-don't run, and try not to be threatening in any way. Avoid discussing situations which required judgment calls.

If you feel the referee has done a poor job or is not ready to referee at your level, please call Anita Evans. Try to identify what the referee did poorly. We will attempt to assist that referee in doing a better job.

Remember the referee is going through the same learning experience that your players are. Expect the referee to make mistakes. Do you yell at your players when they make mistakes? These are 5, 6 and 7 year old kids—are they concerned about the referee's calls or is it just you and the parents? Parents and players are an extension of the coach. Their behavior is the responsibility of the coach.

