

BSYSA ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Because of the physical and verbal abuse taking place at youth sporting events across the country, many organizations have chosen to adopt a Zero Tolerance Policy towards abusive behavior. The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association has decided to take a proactive approach and adopt the following measures:

The following is the policy for BSYSA.

It is the responsibility of **ALL** coaches, players, parents, relatives, siblings, and other spectators to maintain the highest standards of conduct for their behavior at all BSYSA sporting events including, but not limited to, practices, games, and tournaments. Abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting, and other behaviors detrimental to the sporting event will not be tolerated.

It is the responsibility of **ALL** present to support the presiding official. There will be absolutely **NO YELLING OR BELITTling** of these presiding officials. In addition, there will be no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, or intimidation of any kind toward the presiding officials. Failure to follow these simple instructions will undermine the official's authority and has the potential to lead to a hostile environment for players, officials, and all other participants and spectators.

It is the understanding of any parent that chooses to have their child participate in BSYSA events that these simple guidelines MUST BE FOLLOWED.

Penalties:

- **Any minor infraction:** A verbal request or warning will be given by a coach or referee, and it is expected that the reason for the warning will stop immediately.
- **Subsequent infractions:** The offending person or player will be asked to leave the playing field area immediately until the next scheduled event. The BSYSA Board of Directors reserves the right to take further action depending on the severity of the situation.
- **Serious or consistent infractions:** BSYSA Board of Directors reserves the right to take action as it deems necessary up to and including permanent dismissal from the BSYSA leagues and playing areas. Should anyone not comply with this ruling, the BSYSA will seek assistance from the local Police department immediately.

All participants in any BSYSA event should adhere to the following principles of good sportsmanship:

- Respect the decision of coaches and officials
- No expletives, disparaging comments, or derogatory remarks toward anyone players parents coaches, or officials
- Treat opponents with respect
- Whatever the outcome of the competition, be respectful. At the conclusion of the game, congratulate and shake hands with the officials, coaches, and opponents.
- Do not encourage or participate in conduct that violates the rules or spirit of the game.