

TIPP CITY YOUTH SOCCER

Penalties for Violating the Codes of Ethics for Coaches & Parents

The following are examples of violations of the Coaches' and Parents' Code of Ethics. These unsporting behaviors will result in specific penalties to be issued by the game referees, TCYS, the MVE Area Board, and, in some cases, by the SAY National Review Board of Directors.

- **Every coach is hereby instructed to make all parents' aware and knowledgeable of the following penalties for breaches of the Parents' Code of Ethics.**
 - **Please make copies of this page and review them with your parents.**
1. Entering the field of play without permission of the referees – **WARNING or CAUTION or EJECTION & 1-GAME SUSPENSION**
 2. Threatening actions or words towards officials, players or spectators – **EJECTION & 2-GAME SUSPENSION**
 3. Abusive language to an official – **EJECTION; 2ND OFFENSE – 2-GAME SUSPENSION**
 4. Aggressive physical contact with the referee or a player, i.e. grabbing the arm, turning individual around, poking, bumping or pushing – **EJECTION WITH 2-GAME SUSPENSION; 2ND OFFENSE – EJECTION or EXPULSION** (Expulsion must be approved by the National Board of Directors)
 5. Striking an official, player or spectator – **EJECTION or EXPULSION** (Expulsion must be approved by the National Board of Directors)
 6. Refusal to leave the playing field after an ejection – **1-GAME SUSPENSION AND FORFEITURE OF THE GAME, REGARDLESS IF THE GAME WAS INCOMPLETE**
 7. Constant and excessive verbal harassment of the referee or players – **CAUTION or EJECTION; 2ND OFFENSE – 1-GAME SUSPENSION**
 8. Instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsporting manner – **CAUTION or EJECTION; 2ND OFFENSE – 5-GAME SUSPENSION**
 9. Instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsporting manner with deliberate intent to harm – **EJECTION WITH 2 GAME SUSPENSION; 2ND OFFENSE – EJECTION or EXPULSION** (Expulsion must be approved by the National Board of Directors)
 10. Playing an illegal player – **GAME FORFEITURE** (If it can be proved that the coach deliberately and with full knowledge used an illegal player, then **SEASON SUSPENSION** is possible. However, this must be approved by National Board of Directors.)

Spectators can often be guilty of one or more of the actions described in items 1 through 9 above, but a team may not be punished for the actions of those people who are not formally a part of either team. Referees are to only address coaches concerning unruly parents. If it is determined that the offending individual is a general spectator, the referee will verbally warn them. Repetition of the irresponsible behavior or action will lead to abandonment of the match, if the spectator does not leave the immediate vicinity of the field (out of sight and hearing distance). Actions calling for a coach or parent suspension or expulsion will result in ejection from the field, with a written report to the TCYS and MVE Area Boards, who will decide on the punishment or legal action against that person.