

AASL Policy on Disrespect, Assault, and Abuse of Referees/Players/Coaches/Spectators

Definitions:

DISRESPECT is a lack of respect or courteous regard.

ASSAULT is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a Referee, Player, Coach or Spectator. Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a Referee, Player, Coach or Spectator: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into another person, head butting, throwing any object that could inflict injury or damaging another person's personal property (i.e., equipment, uniform, car, etc.) An intentional act shall mean an act intended to bring about a result which will invade the interests of another in a way that is socially unacceptable.

ABUSE is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact, which implies or threatens physical harm to a Referee, Player, Coach or Spectator's property or equipment. Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a Referee, Player, Coach or Spectator: using foul or abusive language, spewing any beverage on another person, spitting at (but not on) another person, or verbally threatening another person.

Referees:

Any Assault or Abuse of a Referee by a Coach or Player will result in immediate suspension of the match and the offender will be suspended from participating in the AASL and the incident will be reported to the OYSAN for further disciplinary action.

Any act of Disrespect of the Referee by a Coach or Player which occurs prior to and during the match or en route to or from the match site the referee does not have to issue a "Red Card". Instead, the referee needs only to report the incident to the AASL to initiate disciplinary action.

Any act of Disrespect, Assault or Abuse directed towards the Referee by a Spectator the Spectator will be suspended immediately and the incident reported to the AASL Disciplinary Board for further actions.

Upon any incident of Disrespect the Referee will warn the coach and stop the match and allow the coach to counsel his Players, Coaches and/or Spectators.

Players, Coaches and Spectators:

Any Assault, Abuse or Disrespect of Coaches, Players and Spectators by Coaches, Players and Spectators will result in the offenders immediate suspension pending a disciplinary hearing and a report regarding the incident will be sent to the AASL Disciplinary Committee for further actions.

Red Card and Policy Violation:

Refusal of the coach to relinquish coach or player pass or provide the name of a Spectator for violation of the policy to the Referee or AASL will result in an immediate suspension of the head coach and team from the AASL until the team provides the passes or the name.