

MAYSA Zero Tolerance Policy

MAYSA has created the Zero Tolerance Policy in an effort to decrease the abuse of referees. It is applicable to ALL coaches, players, parents, and spectators.

- If a coach, player, or spectator is harassing a referee, the referee has the right to go to the offending team's coach and ask them to control themselves or their personnel.
- If this does not resolve the problem, the referee may go back to the coach and ask the offending party to remove him or herself from the game.
- If this does not resolve the problem, the referee may suspend play resulting in a forfeit by the offending team. The offending team may then be subject to further sanctions by the MAYSA Board of Directors.
- A referee should never approach an offending parent or fan directly. Referees should only communicate with the coach, privately.
- If a situation occurs where the referee has to suspend play due to unruly behavior, they must send the written details to MAYSA within 48 hours of the incident.