



SOUTH BURNABY

METRO CLUB

Referee Abuse Policy

OBJECTIVE

- To clearly communicate protocols for instances involving referee abuse

GUIDELINES

Without referees we cannot play the game we all love. It is important to SBMC to develop, mentor and support our referees as we do the players and coaches. Accordingly, we take our referee program very seriously. SBMC recognizes that soccer is a game in which referees, coaches and players make mistakes on a regular basis. For referees, it is through mistakes that they learn and gain experience in officiating matches. Players, coaches and spectators should not question decisions by the referee.

Players are expected to always treat the referees with respect. Adults (coaches and parents) are expected to provide the players with a positive example of how to behave properly within and around the games. Coaches should always bear in mind that they are, in the first instance, responsible for controlling the behaviour of all spectators associated with their team.

SBMC has a zero-tolerance policy towards any kind of referee abuse including, but not limited to, emotional, psychological and verbal abuse.

Feedback on a referee's performance (whether positive or negative) is to be provided by team officials through an email to the SBMC Referee Co-ordinator copied to the SBMC Club Administrator.