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OYSA REFEREE ASSAULT POLICY

For all OYSA sponsored and sanctioned leagues & tournaments, the following standards will apply:

Any player, coach, manager, club official, or game official who assaults a referee shall be suspended for a minimum of one (1) year from any and all OYSA, US Youth Soccer and US Soccer Federation activity. Longer suspensions are possible, depending on the severity of the assault.

- Suspensions will be in effect as soon as OYSA verifies that the assault occurred and will remain in effect at least until an OYSA disciplinary hearing is held.
- A disciplinary hearing will be held under Federation Rules for the purpose of establishing that an assault occurred, that the person so accused is in fact the perpetrator and/or whether a suspension of more than one year shall be imposed.
- The competition rules for all events shall contain this standard as a condition of receiving OYSA sanctioning, though it should be noted that only OYSA has the authority to impose said suspensions.

The team head coach of any player who commits referee assault shall be placed on probation for a two (2) year period. If a player on a team coached by this individual (whether as a head coach or an assistant coach of that team), assaults a referee within the probationary period, the coach shall be suspended from any and all OYSA, US Youth Soccer and US Soccer Federation activity for the remainder of the probationary period or for one (1) year, whichever is greater.

The club of a player, coach, team official, club official or game official who assaults a referee shall be fined as follows:

- First Offense - \$500
- Second Offense within 24 months- \$1,000
- Third Offense within 24 months of the first assault- \$5,000

OYSA may, at the sole and absolute discretion of its Director of Leagues and Tournaments, disqualify a team from any OYSA sponsored league or tournament in which a member of that team has committed a referee assault. The game in which the assault occurred and all subsequent games may be declared forfeits and forfeit-related fines may apply.



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