

## **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS**

The following are examples of violations of the Parents' Code of Ethics. These unsporting behaviors will result in specific penalties to be issued by the SAY Area Review Board, District Representative and/or the SAYArea Board.

Every coach is hereby instructed to make all parents' aware and knowledgeable of the following penalties for breeches 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/CAUTION/EJECTION, 1 GAME SUSPENSION****
- 2. Threatening actions or words towards officials, board members, players or spectators – **EJECTION/TWO 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 TWO GAME SUSPENSION/2ND OFFENSE EJECTION/EXPULSION** (Expulsion must be approved by the National Board of Directors)**
- 5. Striking an official, player or spectator – **EJECTION/EXPULSION** (Must be approved by the National Board of Directors)**
- 6. Refusal to leave the playing field after an ejection – **ONE GAME SUSPENSION AND FORFEITURE OF GAME, REGARDLESS OF LENGTH OF GAME PLAYED****
- 7. Constant and excessive verbal harassment of the referee, board members or players – **CAUTION/EJECTION/2ND OFFENSE 1 GAME SUSPENSION****
- 8. Instructing players to play in a dangerous or unsporting manner – **CAUTION/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/EXPULSION** (Expulsion must be approved by the 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 their team.

For all actions calling for a caution as a penalty, the spectator is to be given a formal warning. Repetition of this action will lead to ejection from the area of the field (out of sight and hearing distance).

Actions calling for a parent suspension or expulsion will result in ejection from the field, with a written report to the SAYArea Board, who will decide on punishment or legal action against that person.

**It shall be against the rules of SAY Soccer for a spectator, coach or players to threaten, harass or intimidate soccer officials, board members, players or coaches in any way. This includes before, during or after all games sanctioned by SAY Soccer. Failure to comply with the above rules could mean immediate expulsion from the game and field area, i.e. in sight of or in earshot of the official. Any physical contact with a soccer official could mean legal action by the soccer association.**