

## **NO TOLERANCE POLICY**

1. The first offence for when a coach/fan verbally abuses a referee, the referee will be instructed to stop the game and talk to the coach. The referee will inform the coach that will not continue until the coach/fan is under control. The verbal abuse will make the referee uncomfortable and they will be unable to perform their duties of officiating the game.
2. The second offence of verbal abuse, the referee will be instructed to terminate the game at that point and fill out the game report stating why the game was terminated.
3. The referee will report the verbal abuse to the Dearborn Heights Soccer Club Board (DHSC). Disciplinary actions will follow, as necessary.
4. In travel, if the abuse is from the visiting team, the referee will ask the DHSC coach for help approaching the head coach of the visiting team to correct the problem.
5. The DHSC coach and staff are responsible for their behavior and the behavior of their fans. Remember, most of the Club's referees are children and should be treated with the same respect of an adult.