

Coach, Spectator, and Player Conduct

VOLUNTEER, SPECTATOR AND PLAYER CONDUCT

ALL VOLUNTEERS and SPECTATORS are to conduct themselves in a polite and courteous manner appropriate for youth recreational sports from the time they arrive in the vicinity of the field to when they leave it.

Burlingame AYSO will be keeping track of the good and not-so-good behavior of all of its volunteers, players and spectators. We appreciate all of your volunteer hours though we do need to remind everyone that we are all friends, family & neighbors who live in the same community. We are all part of the AYSO Team and should conduct ourselves in an appropriate manner. Please note that the coach has responsibility for the conduct of his players and his spectators.

ACCEPTABLE and UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

Acceptable Behavior

Coaches, volunteers, and spectators must abide by the following AYSO policies:

- [AYSO Coach Pledge](#)
- [AYSO Kid Zone Agreement](#)
- [AYSO Regional, Section and National Rules and Regulations](#)
- [AYSO Laws of the Game](#)

Unacceptable Behavior

All players and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe and positive environment. It is a violation of AYSO guidelines to engage in or encourage others to engage in the following behavior:

- Improper verbal conduct such as insults, slurs or unwanted comment
- Improper visual conduct such as derogatory posters or gestures
- Improper physical conduct such as blocking normal movement or interference with the normal activity.

REFEREE RATINGS AND REPORTS of UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

It is the responsibility of the game day referee to evaluate conduct of players, coaches, [volunteers](#) and spectators involved in a game. Throughout the season, at the conclusion of each game, the referee shall determine an overall conduct rating for each team's coaches, players, and spectators and complete the Referee's Report on the back of the game card:

Referee's Report

Conduct of	Excellent	Normal	Poor
Players.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spectators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Disciplinary action taken: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Referee's Signature: _____

Assistant Referee's Signature: _____

Assistant Referee's Signature: _____

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The overall conduct ratings for coach, player, and spectator behavior are "excellent", "normal", or "poor". The referee may add comments to ratings, and/or indicate any misconduct or sanctions taken against offending players, substitutes, team officials, or spectators during the course of the game. In the event of a player or substitute send-off or the ejection of a team official or spectator, the referee must prepare and submit a complete report to the Regional Commissioner, Referee Administrator, and the Child Protection Volunteer Advocate.

After each game day, the game cards shall be reviewed by Division Coordinators. When games result in 'poor' markings on the Referee Report, the Division Coordinators shall follow up with the parties involved and, as needed, consult with Region 63 Executive Board members. Region 63 Board members will review the decision of the referee and determine the appropriate disciplinary action (if any) to be imposed. Reports of repeat or excessively sub-standard behavior will result in an appearance before the Sportsmanship Committee for determination of sanctions including a three-point deduction from team standings and suspensions.

In the U12 and U14 Divisions, one-point shall be deducted from a team's point total in its Division standings for each game with one or more "poor" referee rating. In the U10 division, point deductions will be carried over to the Burlingame Cup.

For Area play in the U16 and U19 Divisions reports of player misconduct, and inappropriate behavior shall be handled per the AYSO Area 2N rules and procedures regarding conduct.

SANCTIONS

Determination of sanctions shall be within the following guidelines:

Coaches

- FIRST OFFENSE** 3 points deducted from team's standings and a 1 game suspension
- SECOND OFFENSE** 3 points deducted from the team's standings and the coach will be banned from all games and practices for the remainder of the season including all 'post-season' play.

If a coach is suspended he/she will not be allowed to participate in their teams games as a spectator for the duration of the suspension.

Volunteers and Spectators

FIRST OFFENSE 1 week suspension from all AYSO games, practices and associated activities.

SECOND OFFENSE Suspension from all AYSO games, practices and associated activities for the remainder of the season

Coach, Volunteer and Spectator Ejections

All ejections from AYSO games shall be considered as offenses under the above guidelines.

Player, Substitute, or Substituted Player Sending-off Offenses

'HARD' RED Serious foul play, violent conduct, spitting, offensive/abusive language or gestures.

Player must sit out the remainder of the game and leave the field and area of play. Team plays with one fewer players. The player will miss at least the next (and possibly more) games.

'SOFT' RED Denial of an obvious goal scoring to an opponent by committing deliberate handling or a foul punishable by a free kick or penalty kick, and receiving second caution in the same game.

Player must sit out the remainder of the game. Team plays with one fewer players. Player may return the following game unless:

Second send off in the same season (player to sit out one game). Third send off in the same season (player to be expelled for the remainder of the season).