

Port Angeles Youth Soccer Club COACH ETIQUETTE

1. Before Each Game:

- The Coach and Referee must introduce themselves.
- They may choose to review the special rules for this age group.
- The Referee will ask the coach if all the players are properly equipped, which is the Coach's responsibility.
- The Home Team Coach hands the game ball to the Referee.
- The Referee has each coach sign off on a "Referee Game Report Form."

2. If a Referee is not on the field at game time, please call Scott Brandon at (801) 643-4403 to find a replacement.

3. During Each Game:

- The Coach is responsible for fan conduct and keeping the fans from disputing calls. **Fans may not dispute referee calls. If this is not adhered to, the game will be stopped and the fan asked to leave the field.**
- The coaches should occupy opposite sides of the field, and all parents and fans of a team should be on the same side as the Coach of their team.
- The Coach and fans should stay between the penalty areas.
- The Coach and fans may absolutely *not* be standing behind the goals.
- Coaches and Referees are instructed to immediately stop games when there is an injury, and to wave the Coach onto the field to care for the injured player.

4. Coach and Referee Interactions:

- The Coach and Referee are asked to be supportive and patient with one another.
- **The Coach may not dispute calls, either during the game of afterwards.**
- Referee judgement calls shall stand.
- If a coach feels that a rule has been incorrectly applied and that the outcome of the game was affected, an appeal may be filed with the Club Board of Directors.
- The Coach will usually be given a verbal warning before being cautioned or ejected from the game, unless the infraction was such that an immediate caution or ejection is warranted.
- The reasons for cautioning or ejecting a Coach generally follow the same reasons as cautioning or ejecting a player. As a courtesy, Coaches are not actually shown the card, but are told of the penalty.
- A caution or ejection may be appealed to the Olympic Youth Soccer Association.