

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators. Consequently, FSA has adopted the following rule:

1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. NO YELLING at the referee, EVER, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
3. Fighting - We first want to clearly state that a rough foul where two players come together and push and/or kick/trip another player is not a fight. However, continued aggressive acts outside the scope of play, including repeated pushing, kicking, hair pulling, and/or throwing a punch does fall under the category of fighting. We all know what a fight looks like, and we have established a rule to protect our players and allow our refs to control the situation with a Zero Tolerance approach. **Fighting will result in player disqualification for the remainder of the game.** Further fighting infractions are subject to board review and possible additional game suspensions. All our referees have been instructed to handle these situations and disqualify players accordingly.
3. Violators at BAYS games may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the BAYS Sportsmanship Review Committee. Foxboro Soccer Association will investigate and respond to incidents at In-Town games.
4. If coaches or spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact the town soccer referee coordinator Shane Palmer [spalmer@foxborosoccer.org](mailto:spalmer@foxborosoccer.org)