



Coach/Player/Referee Communication



»Zero Tolerance«

(Excerpt from the 'Open Team Information' book)

- No player, coach, manager or official is to approach, engage or communicate with the referee following the conclusion of the game.
- The signing of the scorecard will take place only by the two captains of the teams. Should either try to engage the referees in discussion about the game or decisions made during the game, the referees will immediately stop those discussions and direct the captain to their club delegate.
- Any dispute of the score must be put in writing (Protest forms are available from the admin window). The Protest form must be signed and submitted by your club delegate to the TCHTA administration within 48 hours of the end of the game.
- **TFA Playing Rule 18 Player Note A** – This rule will be adhered to.

'Team captains may respectfully enquire of the referee, matters of varying interpretation or causes of penalties. Any discussion is to be brief and polite and must not delay play. Other team members should not talk to the referee.'

'The playing area under the control of the referee extends from the boundaries of the field of play, to an area which covers substitute player and officials involved in the particular match. Referees are also not to tolerate abusive behaviour from the sub-box during the game and will deal with it appropriately should it take place. This could involve removing a player from the field of play.'

A player, coach, manager or official may not agree with the way a referee officiates a game, nor may he/she agree with decisions made, however there are proper procedure and avenues to handle such matters. Approaching referees after the game is not the measure we allow. We do however welcome feedback, reports or consultation under proper guidelines.

Should there be an issue with the performance of a referee you may (accompanied by your Club Referee Director or Club Delegate):

- Arrange to consult, in a calm manner with the TCHTA Director of Referees
- If necessary, they may orchestrate a meeting with the referee and the coach.

All disputes or feedback are to be placed in writing and forwarded to the TCHTA competition Administrator within 48 hours.

Respect

Keep Your Cool

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