

Soccer at the Summit 2008

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Flagstaff Soccer Club 2008 Soccer at the Summit Tournament has adopted a policy of "Zero Tolerance" relating to dissent and/or referee abuse from coaches, players **AND** sidelines. We request your assistance in keeping yourself, your team and sidelines in compliance so the referees do not have to stop the game during play.

After the game starts, if a referee hears dissent or verbal insults from the sideline about the referee or his/her assistant referees, the game will be stopped. The coach will be called to the touchline and receive a verbal warning. Please convey the consequences of further dissent/abusive comments to your sidelines at this time. If further dissent or referee abuse occurs, the offending individual(s) will be required to leave the field. Your cooperation in helping the referee to remove the offender(s) is expected. The game will continue after the ejection, but **ONLY IF** the sideline can remain in control. Following the ejection of **ANY** individual(s) from your sidelines, any continued dissent or verbally abusive comments will end the game **IMMEDIATELY** and recorded as a forfeit by the offending team.

If the offending behavior comes from a player on the field, referees will use their red and yellow cards as usual. The process described above is **ONLY** for controlling the sideline.

A special marker will be attached to all player cards at check-in and if this tie is removed, cut or destroyed in any way, the player will be ineligible for play.

I have read the Flagstaff Soccer Club 2008 Soccer at the Summit Tournament Policy regarding Dissent/Referee Abuse. I understand my responsibilities and the consequences for the behavior of my sideline during games.

Coach/Manager

Team

Date
