



Off-the-Field Control

Ohio South Mod A Intermediate Referee Training

2018 Referee Recertification - Module A



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- Have you ever seen a game with an unruly coach or a fan?
- This unruly coach or fan is probably guilty of **DISSENT**
- What did it do to the referee?
- What did it do to the game?





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Referees ... **When** do you deal with coach or fan **DISSENT?**

Assistant Referees ... **When?**



Referees and AR's - **How** do you deal with **DISSENT?**



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What is DISSENT?

It's when someone does not agree with your decision

It could be...

- Disrespectful
- Abusive
- Personal
- Threatening



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It crosses the line and must be dealt with when it is...

- directed at the officials
- affects play
- affects the referee team's concentration
- personal



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Handling Player/Substitute DISSENT

"Climb the Ladder"

- A Verbal Warning

- Caution

- Send-Off

- TERMINATION





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How to Handle DISSENT

If the game is stopped to deal with DISSENT - What is the RESTART??

- **IFK** - if Dissent called on a player or substitute
- **Drop Ball** - if Dissent called on a Coach, Team Official or Spectator



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How to Handle DISSENT

Your Reactions...

- Be Calm
- Be Firm
- Be Positive
- Keep It Short



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How to Handle DISSENT

- Do's ??
- Don'ts ??





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How to Handle DISSENT

DO

As per a former FIFA Referee and
Manager of USSF Referee Training ...
Use the

**Ask-Tell-Dismiss
Approach**

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Coach or Team Official **DISSENT**

Advice for dealing with coaches...

Ask-Tell-Dismiss Approach

1. Ask coach to behave
2. Tell coach their misbehavior will no longer be tolerated (change or else, their choice)
3. Dismissal





Ask-Tell-Dismiss Approach

ASK – Referee asks the coach to stop their poor behavior

- “Coach – please, I am refereeing the game. Let me do my job without your help.”
- “Coach – Please Shhh!”
- “Coach – I hear you, but please let me referee the game.”



Ask-Tell-Dismiss Approach

TELL - Tell the coach their poor behavior will no longer be tolerated.

- "Coach - Your behavior is not acceptable. Please change it or I am going to have to take further action."
- Don't tell the coach you are going to card them - just say "I will deal with your poor behavior if you don't".
- "Coach - the decision is yours."

The coach then is deciding what happens next - it's on their shoulders



Ask-Tell-Dismiss Approach

DISMISS – the final step is a send-off.

- “Coach – please leave the field. The match will not continue until you are gone. If you don’t leave, we will end the match.”
- You and your AR’s then walk to the center of the field and wait for the coach to leave.
- Coach doesn’t leave? You and your AR’s then leave the field and immediately call your referee assigner.



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Fans or Parents DISSENT

Ask-Tell-Dismiss Approach

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Fans and Parents

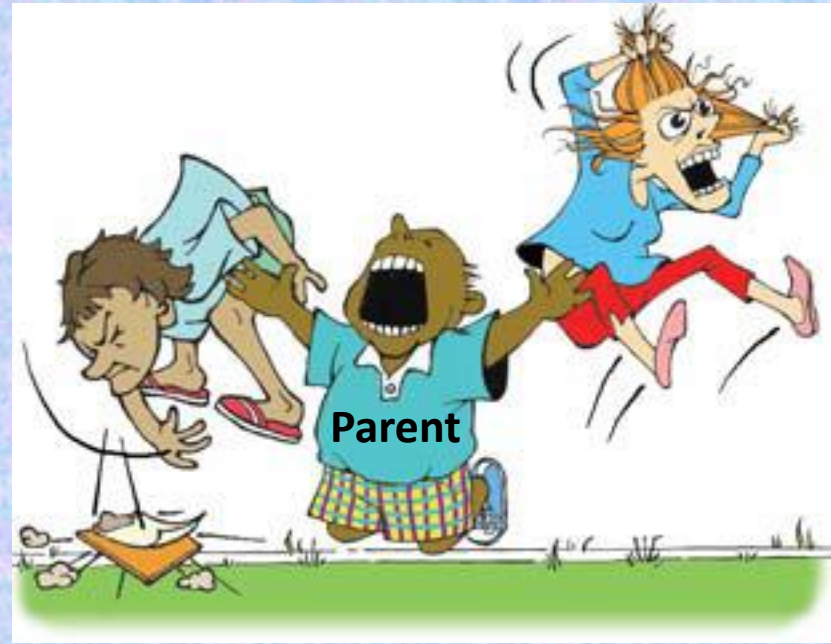


The advice for dealing with fans is the same basic approach...

Never deal with fans yourself!

But have the coach deliver the message.

1. Coach **asks or tells** the fans to behave
2. If the coach does not (or cannot) control their fans, game can be terminated.





Ask-Tell-Dismiss Approach Fans and Parents

ASK - Ask the coach to deal with fans.

Again - **NEVER** deal with fans yourself!

“Coach - Please, you are responsible for the conduct of your fans. Their screaming is getting in the way of our officiating the game. If it continues and no one deals with it, we will have to suspend or terminate the game.”



Ask-Tell-Dismiss Approach Fans and Parents

- 'I'll give you a couple minutes to go over and tell your fans to stop their poor behavior.'
- Knowing that if they don't deal with their team's fans, the game can be terminated and their team could be punished with a loss ... the coach is forced to take action.
- The game is stopped as the coach walks all the way across the field - **the walk of shame**. The focus is now off the referee and on the coach and spectators.

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More advice for referees....

DO ... Deal with coach and fan **DISSENT**



1. Referees **MUST** protect their AR's.
2. Makes the game more enjoyable for everyone!



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How to Handle DISSENT

DO NOT

Over-React

Be Argumentative or Abusive

Yell or Finger Wag

Make Empty Threats

Ask Questions or Make Comments that
Invite a Reply

Be Over-Tolerant of Wrongful Comments



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How to Handle DISSENT

***If there's DISSENT – YOU
MUST DEAL with IT !!!***

***IF YOU DON'T– IT WILL
ONLY GET WORSE IN
FUTURE MATCHES.***



Brain Teaser 10

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You are the referee in a match where the fans are completely out of control. One of the fans is constantly yelling at your AR's (and you). You stop the match and ask the coach to go over and deal with their unruly fans. The coach makes the "walk of shame", talks to their fans and you restart the match. But the loudmouth fan continues to attack you and you AR's.

What do you do? (Choose one or more of the answers that are correct)

- A. Go over and show the loudmouth fan a Red Card**
- B. Give the coach a Yellow Card**
- C. Give the coach a Red Card**
- D. Terminate the game and leave the field**
- E. Ask the coach to tell the loudmouth fan to leave**



Brain Teaser 11

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The term "team officials" refers to which of the following? (Choose one or more of the answers that are correct)

- A. Coaches
- B. Team managers
- C. Trainers
- D. Substitute players and
- E. Spectators within the technical area



Brain Teaser 12

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An outside agent is defined as which of the following? (Choose one or more of the answers that are correct)

- A. Anyone not listed on the roster**
- B. A coach or team official**
- C. Anyone not in the technical area**
- D. Substitutes sitting on the bench**
- E. Spectators**
- F. A ball from an adjacent field**
- G. A dog**