



ISC Gunners

REFEREE COMMUNICATION/ABUSE POLICY

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Below is in reference to referee communication and abuse for ISC Gunners premier, select, and rec teams.

Referee Communication

Parents/Members should refrain from communicating with any referee at any game, home or away, given a 'State Wide League Recommended Initiative' aimed at keeping more referees involved in the game. Referees are an integral part of youth soccer and without them we would not be able to run any organized leagues or tournaments. All in game communication should be managed through your ISC Gunners Coach. Team managers may communicate with referees before and after games solely to manage the player check-in process.

Referee Abuse Policy

ISC Gunners will be adhering to the following policy, should parents be involved in any form of Referee Abuse. A full investigation will be conducted before these measures are put into effect.

Referee abused is defined as:

- a) Referee abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.
- b) Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: using foul or abusive language toward a referee, implying or threatens physical harm; spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property; or spitting at (but not on) the referee.
- c) We also follow the definition as listed by the PSPL, Rule 501 which can be reviewed [here](#).

If it is determined through an investigation that any of the above statements are true, the following will be implemented:

- **1st Offense** - Minimum 2 Week Ban for Parent from all ISC Gunners Events/Games.
- **2nd Offense** - Minimum Full League Season Ban for Parent from all events/games.
- **3rd Offense** - Immediate Dismissal from Club for Parent & Player.

Please leave all communication with referees to the sole discretion of the Team Coach, and/or Team Manager, plus Club Staff & Officials.