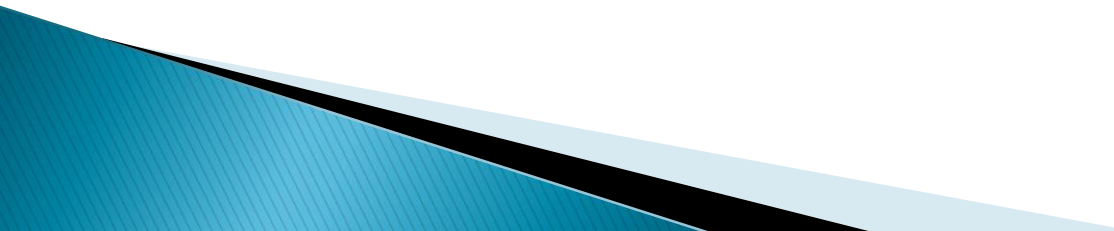


Dealing with Referee Abuse

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Agenda

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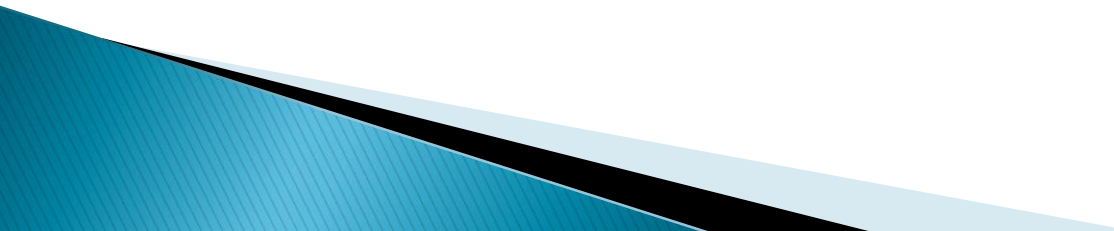
What is Referee Abuse / What it is Not

- ▶ **Referee Abuse:**

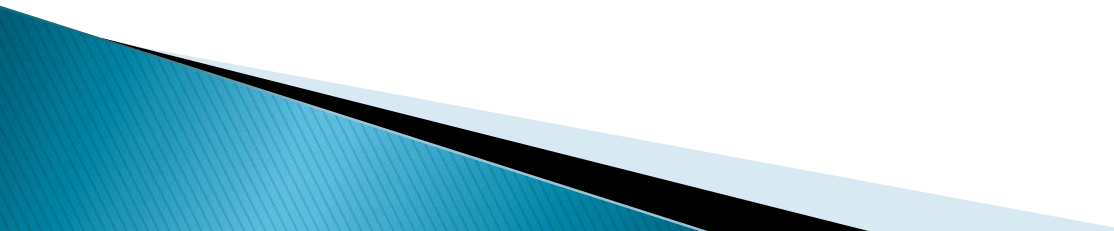
The term "Referee Abuse" is defined in USSF Policy 531–9 as "a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment."

- ▶ Referee Abuse is not Foul/Abusive Language nor is it Referee Assault.

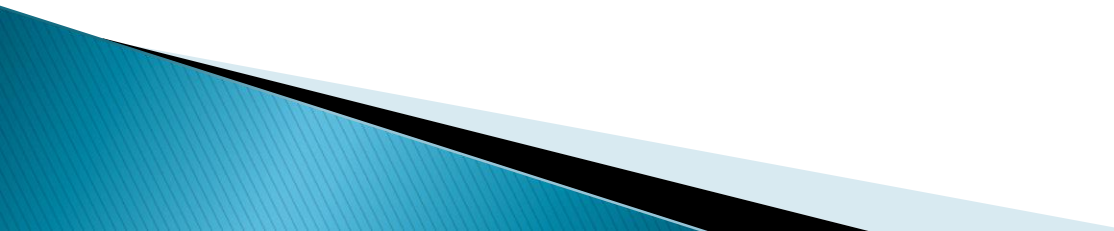
How Can it Occur

- ▶ Is Referee Abuse the same for everyone?
 - ▶ Can “body language” foster Referee Abuse?
 - ▶ Explore Typical Game Situations
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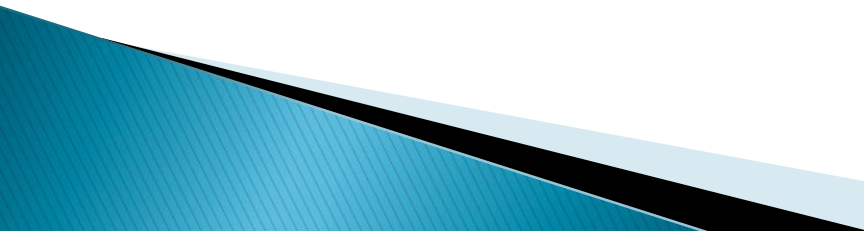
Where Can it Occur

- ▶ Does it have to be on the field of play?
 - ▶ Where else can this occur?
 - ▶ Is it a non-issue after a specific match ends?
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Who Are the “Culprits”

- ▶ Who can help identify the “Culprits”?
 - ▶ What recourse do you have for each “Culprit”?
 - ▶ Who should you try to get help dealing with it?
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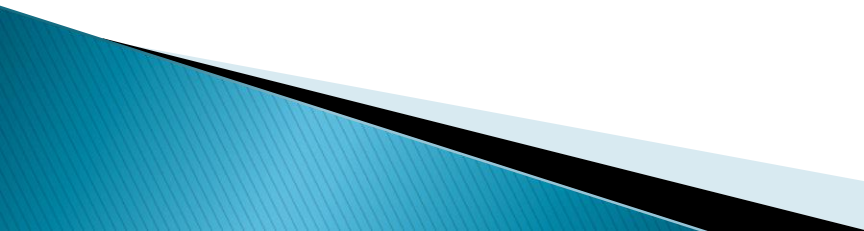
How to Handle for Youth Matches

- ▶ Don't be afraid to terminate the match !!!
 - ▶ Try to
 - obtain names of those involved
 - what was the nature of the abuse
 - when and where did it occur
 - ▶ Notify (phone call is the BEST) the Assignor (either Dave Braun or Loren Eddy)
 - ▶ File a Supplemental Report
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How to Handle for School Matches

- ▶ If it gets out of hand, use Game Management, if available
- ▶ Try to
 - obtain names of those involved
 - what was the nature of the abuse
 - when and where did it occur
- ▶ Notify (phone call is the BEST) Dave Braun
- ▶ Email Dave a Written Report

How to Handle for Adult Matches

- ▶ Referee's maturity can get you in trouble
 - ▶ Don't let it get "over your head"
 - ▶ You're alone – BUT don't try to be a hero
 - ▶ Terminate the match if necessary
 - ▶ Notify (phone call is the BEST) Loren Eddy
 - ▶ Email Loren a Written Report
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Summary

WHEN IN DOUBT:

**TERMINATE THE MATCH
AND REPORT IT !!!!!**

REMEMBER:

If not dealt with, Dissent can turn into Serious Dissent, which can lead to Referee Abuse (or even Assault).

