U90C Leagues

POLICY REGARDING SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

League Policy – Spectator Conduct, Dismissals, and Abuse of Match Officials

U90C is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all players, coaches, referees, spectators, and league staff. All participants and spectators are required to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values of good sportsmanship and respect for the game.

Spectator Removal and Associated Player Participation

When a referee or league official determines that a spectator's behavior is irresponsible, disruptive, abusive, threatening, or otherwise inappropriate and requests that a coach or team official remove the spectator from the match environment, the spectator must immediately leave the field complex and surrounding area.

The player(s) whose parent, guardian or other associated spectator has been dismissed will also be required to leave the field and surrounding area. This is not a send-off; therefore, the coach may immediately replace the player(s) should they have been on the field of play at the time of the dismissal. Play will not resume until both the spectator and associated player(s) have departed the match area to the satisfaction of the referee and/or league officials.

The player(s) will not be subject to any additional suspension or disciplinary action due to the spectator's dismissal unless the player independently receives misconduct sanctions, including but not limited to a red card.

Dismissals and Automatic Suspensions

Any coach, manager, team official, or spectator who is dismissed from a match for any reason shall be automatically suspended from attending the team's next scheduled league match. In addition, the club or team may be subject to a disciplinary fine as outlined in the current U90C League and Tournament Rules.

U90C reserves the right to impose additional sanctions when warranted by the severity of the conduct or in cases involving repeat offenders.

Abuse of Referees, Staff, and Participant

U90C maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding abuse directed toward referees,staff, players, coaches, team officials, or spectators.

The use of profanity, abusive language, discriminatory remarks, racial or ethnic slurs, threats, intimidation, or any form of harassment directed at referees, league staff, opposing players, coaches, team officials, or spectators will not be tolerated.

Incidents involving such conduct will be reviewed by the League and may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to:

- Match suspensions
- Multi-game suspensions
- Monetary fines
- Removal from league activities
- Referral to the appropriate State Association, disciplinary committee, or governing body for further action

Conduct involving racial slurs, discriminatory language, threats, or abuse directed toward referees or league personnel will be treated as a serious offense and may result in enhanced disciplinary sanctions beyond the minimum penalties outlined above.

Responsibility of Teams and Clubs

Coaches and team officials are responsible for maintaining proper sideline behavior and are expected to take immediate action when instructed to address misconduct involving their spectators by referees or league officials.

Failure to comply with a referee's instruction regarding spectator removal may result in match abandonment, forfeit, additional disciplinary action, and/or further sanctions against the team, coach, or club.