



West Ottawa Soccer Zero Tolerance Policy

The West Ottawa Soccer Club (WOSC) is a strong supporter of making sport safe for our youth.

The WOSC supports the following program to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of soccer for all.

Policy

Any coach, parent, grandparent or guardian judged by the WOSC Discipline Committee to be guilty of abusive conduct towards a game official during a Club's House League game will be reprimanded in writing. A second conviction during the same season will result in the member being restricted from all services rendered by the WOSC including attendance at all soccer activities within the WOSC.

Policy Procedures

When a game official feels that they are being abused, as per the scope of the policy, by either a coach or supporter, the official will be allowed to suspend the playing of the game. If the abuse is physical, the game official is advised to inform the coaches that the game has been abandoned and then proceed with step 1.1.

The official will then verbally advise both coaches that the game has been stopped due to the abuse and inform both coaches as to the source of the abuse. If the source is one of the coaches, the official will advise the coach that the next occurrence of a similar nature will result in an abandonment of the game and that a report to the WOSC Discipline Committee will be sent in for review. If the source is a supporter, the appropriate coach will provide the official with the name of the supporter and the coach must advise the fan that the next occurrence of a similar nature will result in abandonment of the game. A report to the WOSC Discipline Committee will be sent in for review. If the supporter is not associated with either team, both coaches are asked to speak to the supporter and ask the individual to leave.

Once the prescribed action has been completed, the game will restart with a dropped ball between the two teams at the location where the play was stopped. If the abuse continues, the official will be allowed to stop any further playing of the game and advise the coaches that the game has been abandoned and that a Special Incident Report will be forwarded to the WOSC Discipline Committee. The official must clearly indicate on the game sheet that the game was abandoned due to abuse and if abandoned:

- 1.1 The game official must contact their Head Referee to verbally report the incident within 24 hours.
- 1.2 A Special Incident Report must then be forwarded to the WOSC within 72 hours.
- 1.3 The WOSC Discipline Committee will then review and deal with the report as per their guidelines.
- 1.4 If the game was abandoned due to the conduct of a fan not associated with either team, the Club League Manager will determine the status of the game.