

Support Your Officials Campaign- TCS STAFF VERSION



Starting Memorial weekend, Triple Crown Sports® (TCS) will have stricter enforcement towards parents and coaches respecting the officials. TCS full time and part time staff have an increased responsibility.

The umpires are being asked to: “If they’re in a game where the parents are out of control you should calmly approach the head coach and give him a warning that the fans have 2 minutes to calm down or parents/coaches will be reported to the site director. The head coach then has a responsibility to calm down the fans, not official.”

If the coach refuses or the parent(s) refuse to calm down then officials are asked to report this to the TCS site director:

- Official will stop the game and text/call/find the TCS site director that he needs help with parent(s). The TCS site director will hear the severity of the case from the official and can attempt to resolve the situation with the head coach OR contact the main TCS event director for support. If parents need be removed then the TCS site director will have the authority to work through a coach to remove any parents. Time clock continues.
- If a specific parent is out of control then you, TCS site director, has the ability to recommend that the player of the parent be removed. Work through the TCS main event director to do this.
- In some instances, forfeit the game altogether and declare a winner if the coach can’t get the parent(s) to demonstrate sportsmanship and good behavior. TCS site director will be responsible for determining winner (7-0 for the well-behaved team) or a tie (if both teams are out of control).
- Recommend to TCS main event director the removal of a coach/parent for the **entire event** for in-game OR parking lot confrontations.

Why is TCS doing this? Two main reasons:

1. To improve the player experience with respectful behavior in the stands.
2. Officials are in a major shortage, partly because of bad behavior by parents and coaches.

Can a head coach still debate a call with the official?

Yes, but we’re asking coaches to do it in a positive manner and not to ridicule or belittle the official. If they’re a parent then we’re asking them to please enjoy the game and don’t confront the official.

What is considered bad behavior?

- Verbal or physical abuse
- Foul or profane language
- Relentless questioning and ridicule of the official

We know that officials make mistakes. Sports officials rarely, if ever, determine the outcome of a game. Players and coaches still make many more mistakes to cause the true outcome of a game. It’s imperative with this authority to eject coaches or recommending to ejecting parents/players that you bear a great responsibility. Not always are officials correct when judging bad behavior so please be very diligent in your request to remove coaches/parents.

Triple Crown’s purpose is to “bring athletes and families together in competition and create experiences that embed lasting lifetime valued memories”. Our “Respect of All” value says that there’s “no grunts, no servants and we’re all equal, real people”. These two guiding principles lead us to the decision to crack down on poor treatment of officials and we’re excited to improve the youth experience.

Thank you and enjoy the game,

Keri King- CEO

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