

Portsmouth Invitational Soccer Tournament Rules of Conduct

All persons responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential for creating a hostile environment for players, referees, and all other participants and spectators. Therefore, the Invitational's Board of Directors has adopted the following rule:

No one is to address the referee during the game. The exceptions to this rule shall only include the following:

1. Responding to a referee initiating a conversation.
2. Making a substitution.
3. Pointing out an emergency or safety concern.
4. At half time or at the end of the game, a coach can ask a referee to explain a rule(s) in a polite and constructive way.
5. At half time or at the end of the game, a coach can give polite and friendly feedback to the referee.

Sarcasm, harassment, or intimidation will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of all Coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players, and their fans. Abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting and other behavior that is detrimental to the game will not be tolerated.

Referees have the power to stop the game and ask the appropriate coach to get his or her fans under control. In no case will the referee deal directly with a spectator. In the event that a problem still exists, the referee can terminate the game and make a full report to the Director of the tournament. The Director may award a forfeit.

Team Age Group and Name: _____

Date: _____

Head Coach Signature: _____