

Referee Abuse Policy

The policy to address referee abuse has been generated to reverse the growing trend of referee abuse within our league. It is our intent that this Policy will be enacted to eliminate the physical and verbal abuse of referees. We at TRBA want to make it clear that physical or verbal abuse of referees is as unacceptable as physical or verbal abuse of players. The purpose of this policy is to adopt basic standard sanctions for improper conduct to referees.

This Policy is NOT meant to silence or curtail spectators from cheering on their child or other players. Be positive. Be supportive. Cheer on your child and his/her team. The Policy is written to clearly provide sanction actions against physical abuse, verbal abuse and negative criticism of referees.

Our referees are certified by the NJSIAA and are eligible to referee all levels of scholastic basketball games in our State. In other words, they are all highly qualified. Make no mistake, officiating mistakes will happen. It is a foreseeable part of youth sports. Concerns about referees can be reported to your child's coach. Your child's coach can then report legitimate concerns to the division leader. A missed call is not a legitimate concern.

It is never acceptable to harass or otherwise verbally abuse a referee. Instances of verbal abuse or harassment will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Physical interactions or threats of physical interactions against referees will lead to immediate ejection from the game in question and immediate lifetime ban from spectating or playing.

Please abide by this policy and provide an excellent example for your child while spectating.