

EODSA Letter to Parents and Spectators



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District and Clubs Join Together to Call Out Referee Abuse

There is a critical shortage of referees for our leagues, putting league play at risk.

Data tells us that the main reason why young referees leave the game is the behaviour of adults toward them. At meetings held recently with Technical Directors of the EOSL Clubs, the topic of Referee abuse was discussed. It was unanimously agreed at the meeting that abuse of referees has to stop.

We are jointly calling on all coaches, parents and other spectators to STOP abusing referees.

COMMON EXCUSES HEARD FOR REFEREE ABUSE

I'm just chirping the ref, it isn't abuse

YES IT IS

Abuse isn't just physical. Every time you yell at a referee it is abuse

But the referee got the call wrong

YES THEY DID

and they'll likely do it again. Referees are learning along with the players

If they can't take it, they shouldn't be refing

NO

Refereeing is a job and no one should be expected to endure abuse while doing their job


Every parent signs a code of conduct agreement when they register their child for the season. Clubs have been asked to sanction every parent who is found to have abused a referee.

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