

# Parent/Spectator Hand Book

Tyler Soccer Association would like to first thank all parents and spectators for supporting the kids every weekend. With out the parent/spectator support for the kids, this organization would not be what it is today.

There are a few guidelines that the parents/spectators need to be aware of to help keep this organization great.

The first guideline is the behavior exhibited by the parents/spectators (as referenced in the TSA rule book as follows: **“Coaches shall be responsible for the behavior of the spectators and be advised to refrain from using abusive or offensive language, contesting referee decisions or otherwise displaying displeasure with respect to actions on the field and to caution spectators regarding such behavior. Un-Sportsman-Like conduct will result in penalties and possible abandonment of the game. Coaches are subject to be cautioned or ejected by the referee. When a coach is ejected, he must leave the vicinity of the game and will not be allowed at his/her team’s next game.”**). Please try to remember that we are out there for the kids to support them. Exhibiting behavior such as bad language, derogative language, demeaning language, Coaching from the spectator sideline or anything else in that fashion will not be tolerated. As parents/spectators we should be setting a good example for the kids by showing respect for the Referees, other team players and also the other team Coaches. Using any of the above referenced behaviors towards Referees, players, or Coaches is not tolerated and is not setting a good example to the kids on how to act. Depending on the incident the parent/spectator might be warned first and if this problem continues then will be asked to leave the grounds at Lindsey fields, but if the problem is considered too severe to allow a warning first then the parent/spectator will be ask to leave the grounds immediately and if severe enough could result in restricting the parent/spectator from ever coming to a soccer game again at Lindsey fields. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE OUT THERE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE KIDS.**

The second guideline involves where parents/spectators are allowed to watch the games from. TSA has tried to make this simple by placing a white line on the parent/spectator side of the field **FIVE FEET** from the touchline of the field (as referenced in the rules of TSA as follows: **“All persons attending a game, including coaches, shall remain at least five (5) feet from the respective touchline. All persons not on the field of play shall remain in the area extending, in case of U-6, U-8, U-9 and U-10 League play, twenty-five (25) yards either side of the midfield line.”**). All parents/spectators are to position themselves behind that second white line. We have placed that line there for many reasons. One is to allow the sideline referee room to run the sideline, second is to give the players room to throw the ball in and also to give a safety area for the players when trying to make plays on the sideline. TSA has field monitors that monitor all fields every weekend. Their job is to make sure everything goes smoothly and also to make

sure the parents/spectators are following the guidelines of TSA. PLEASE remember that if a field monitor comes up to you and asks you to move back or move away from a certain area around the field to do as they say and not argue. Arguing with an official of TSA, whether it is a field monitor or a TSA Board Member could result in being asked to leave the grounds immediately. ALSO, please remember that parent/spectators are not allowed around the Goal box area of the fields.

The third guideline involves parent/spectators on the players sideline of the field. This will not be tolerated. The only people allowed on the players sideline are the coaches that have an actual coaching badge from TSA. No parents, spectators, siblings, friends or anyone else that is not a registered player for that team or coach of that team are allowed on the Player sideline during a game. This will be strictly in forced by TSA.

Once again TSA would like to thank all parents/spectators for their support of the kids and also for their support of the rules and guidelines of Tyler Soccer Association.

Sincerely

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