



YOU DON'T COACH THE REFEREE

Facts about the referee

- The referee is not an opponent.
- The referee works best if he/she is not distracted by outside elements.
- Referees make fewer mistakes in a game than your best player.
- *Although referees are expected to start out perfect and get better with experience, they are only human.*

How concentrating on the referee's performance affects your ability to coach

- Miss opportunities to coach your players during the game.
- Miss seeing things that your players need to work on in the next practice.
- Look like a fool.
- *Spoils your reputation.*

How you negatively affect players

- Cause players to get cautioned for dissent following your lead.
- You teach them to take no responsibility for their actions. "It was just a bad call by the referee!"
- *You teach players it's ok to disrespect authority.*

Positive actions get results

- Support the referee's decisions for or against you.
- Discipline your players before the referee has too.
- Assume responsibility for the outcome of the game.
- *Be a positive role model.*
- *Report commendable performance to Referees@ImpactUnited.com or call your Referee Coordinator.*

How to deal with a deficient referee

- Make notes during the game on the referee's deficiencies (not decisions).
- Never confront the referee during or after the game.
- *Put your complaint in writing (be specific) to Referees@ImpactUnited.com or call your Referee Coordinator in a timely manner so that it can be addressed quickly.*