

Valley Athletic Association Behavioral Guidelines

All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to act responsibly and demonstrate sportsmanlike behavior at all VAA games, practices and activities as defined in the coaches, parents, and players VAA Code of Ethics. A primary goal of VAA is to help our children grow and mature through participation in sports. Learning to deal with winning and losing are an important part of a child's development but wins and losses cannot be allowed to override the most important goal. We want players to have fun, be able to improve, have a positive experience and to learn to exhibit good sportsmanship.

Player Behavioral Concerns

If a player verbally or physically abuses a referee, coach, player or spectator OR demonstrates unsportsmanlike behavior towards a referee, coach, player or spectator, the following will take place:

- ❖ Referee will talk to the player's coach. The coach will discuss with the player.
- ❖ 1st incident report – Coach will meet with age group director/commissioner to discuss the incident.
- ❖ 2nd incident report - player is not allowed to participate in team activities until the player, the player's parents, and coach meet with the team's age group director/ commissioner to discuss past behavior and future involvement.
- ❖ Incidents will be documented by the referee using the VAA Incident Report form. The referee will give the completed report to the referee coordinator who will forward the report to the age group director/commissioner. The age group director/commissioner will forward a copy to the VAA board liaison.
- ❖ **Note - depending on the severity of behavior, steps may be omitted.**

Spectator Behavioral Concerns

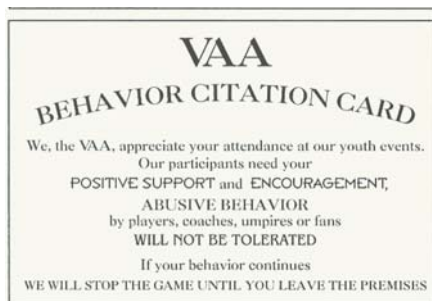
If a spectator verbally or physically abuses a referee, coach, player or a spectator OR demonstrates unsportsmanlike behavior towards a referee, coach, player or spectator, the following will take place:

- ❖ 1st incident - referee will stop the game and notify both coaches of the problem. Coach will issue a VAA Behavior Citation Card (see below) to spectator.
- ❖ If inappropriate behavior continues, the referee will stop the game until the spectator leaves the premises. If the spectator does not leave - the team he/she is supporting will forfeit the game.
- ❖ Incidents will be documented by the coach of the team the spectator is supporting using the VAA Incident Report form. The coach will give the completed report to the age group director/commissioner who will forward a copy to the VAA board liaison.
- ❖ **Note - depending on the severity of behavior, steps may be omitted.**

Coach Behavioral Concerns

If a coach verbally or physically abuses a referee, coach, player or a spectator OR demonstrates unsportsmanlike behavior towards a referee, coach, player or spectator, the following will take place:

- ❖ 1st incident report- age group director/commissioner will discuss behavior with the coach.
- ❖ 2nd incident - coach will be suspended until he/she meets with the age group director/ sports commissioner and VAA board liaison to discuss past behavior and future involvement.
- ❖ Incidents will be documented by the referee using the VAA Incident Report form. The referee will give the completed report to the referee coordinator who will forward the report to the age group director/commissioner. The age group director/commissioner will forward a copy to the VAA board liaison.
- ❖ **Note - depending on the severity of behavior, steps may be omitted.**



- **Anyone can submit a VAA Incident Report Form – available from Coaches or at www.valleyathletic.org**