

We are currently experiencing a shortage of available officials in Lawrence County, and across the country at all levels of play.

At the youth level in particular, many officials have refused to officiate our games because of the conduct of the parents, coaches, fans and spectators. This leaves us with extremely limited options from a scheduling and competition perspective. Parents and fans should be aware that due to the lower number of fans in attendance, comments, taunts, etc. are much more noticeable than at other venues and levels of competition.

Parents should also be aware that your children/players and their siblings in attendance are learning from you. Our goal as an organization is to promote sports in the best possible light, and develop quality programs that our communities can be proud of.

To this end the TCYFL sets forth the following guidelines for all parents, fans and all other spectators in attendance at any TCYFL scheduled event.

Level 1

Parents / fans / Spectators shall not repeatedly boo, taunt, harass, or otherwise demean officials, players, fans, or coaches.

Violation of the above guidelines should result in removal from the game, and or, a 1 game attendance suspension handed out by the offender's youth football governing body.

Violations of these guidelines should be monitored & enforced by the host & visiting team. Should officials need to request that security remove a spectator, it will immediately become a Level 2 offense.

Should security become involved in any Level 1 incident, and their directives not be immediately followed, the incident will immediately become a Level 2 incident. Also, any subsequent violations of Level 1 guidelines in the same season, will immediately be reported to the league for action as a Level 2 offense.

Level 2

Parents / fans / spectators shall not enter the area dividing the competition area from the fan sections(fence).

Parents / fans / spectators shall not approach the fence surrounding the field to boo, taunt, harass, or otherwise demean officials, players, coaches or other personnel.

Parents/fans shall never approach, threaten, confront, demean or taunt an opposing player, parent, coach, or official during their entrance or exit to a game.

Violation of these regulations will result in action by the TCYFL which can include but is not limited to, a full season ban on attendance, referral to school district for potential future sports attendance sanctions, lifetime TCYFL attendance ban, and referral to local authorities for legal action.

Due to an increase in the number of incidents involving improper spectator behavior, the following guidelines are also in place for member organizations of the TCYFL.

Any organization who has a fan who has been determined to have committed a Level 2 violation will be placed on probation for the season. Multiple level 2 violations by spectators of the same school, team, organization, in the same season, could result in loss of spectator privileges for that team (no fans). This determination will be made by the TCYFL board in an effort to provide the most positive environment possible for our young players, coaches and officials.