

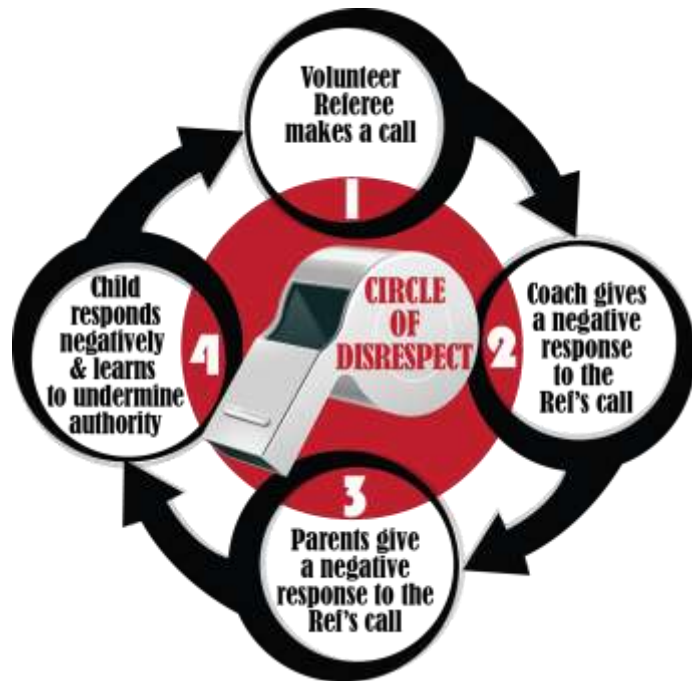
TEACHING RESPECT

One way of teaching respect for authority to our players is to explain and apply the following diagrams. These diagrams outline the right and also the sinful responses to a referee's call that does not go your way. More important that teaching these is modeling them as the coach. You can either be an **excuse to disrespect authority** or an **example to respect authority** – you choose. This usually is taught in practice #1, but refer to it often throughout the season.

AN EXCUSE TO DISRESPECT AUTHORITY

Here are the steps involved in the "Circle of Disrespect"

- STEP 1:** The circle begins when the referee makes a call.
- STEP 2:** Disrespect towards authority begins with the coach responding in a wrong manner, in words and actions.
- STEP 3:** The coach's example implies that the parent can respond in a similar fashion.
- STEP 4:** The child observes the coach and their parent and assumes it is acceptable to disrespect authority when calls don't go your way.



AN EXAMPLE TO RESPECT AUTHORITY

Coaches and parents have the God given responsibility to choose a different response within the "Circle of Respect."

- STEP 1:** The referee makes a call.
- STEP 2:** The coach affirms the referee's decision and inspires the team to begin the next play.
- STEP 3:** This example motivates the parents to encourage their team.
- STEP 4:** The child observes the coach and their parent respond correctly to authority even if the call does not go their way.

This approach enhances the player's experience with the sport and pleases the Lord.

