

# **WOODSPRING JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

## **MANAGERS/PARENTS&GUARDIANS.**

**ABUSE DIRECTED TOWARDS REFEREES WITHIN THE WOODSPRING JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE HAS REACHED AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL AND WE MUST ALL ACT NOW TO PROTECT THE REFEREES.**

**THE WOODSPRING JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND REFEREES IN PARTICULAR NEED YOUR HELP & CO-OPERATION.**

**IF A PARENT OR COACH OR MANAGER AT THE MATCH JUST FOLLOWS TWO SIMPLE RULES THEY WILL NOT BEHAVE LIKE MINDLESS INDIVIDUALS.**

**1. PLEASE IF YOU WANT TO SHOUT ABUSE AT THE REFEREE, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND COUNT TO TEN.**

**2. IF YOU WANT TO SHOUT ABUSE AFTER THIS, WALK AWAY FROM THE PITCH QUIETLY UNTIL YOU HAVE CALMED DOWN.**

**WE HAVE A HIGH PROPORTION OF YOUNG REFEREES WHO ARE DEVELOPING THEIR REFEREEING SKILLS AND THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT, AS DO ALL REFEREES.**

**WE SHOULD ALSO REMEMBER THAT 14-17 YEAR-OLD REFEREES ARE CHILDREN AS WELL. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF SOMEONE SHOUTED ABUSE AT YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER?**

**WE HEAR SO MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT CHILDREN DO NOT RESPECT OTHERS, BUT WHAT SORT OF EXAMPLE IS BEING SET IF THEY SEE ADULTS ABUSE AN OFFICIAL IN FRONT OF CHILDREN.**

**REMEMBER, YOUR CLUB AND/OR ANY INDIVIDUAL REPORTED TO SOMERSET FA MAY BE FINED AND/OR SUSPENDED.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE REFEREE OTHERWISE WE WILL NOT HAVE REFEREES IN THE FUTURE.**

**ISSUED BY THE WOODSPRING JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

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