



Eastside Travel League (ETL) Policy on Behavior towards Officials

The Eastside Travel League is committed to creating a game day environment wherein respect is afforded to all participants, including our partner game officials. As a league, we understand that the current culture in youth sports has had a detrimental effect for our partner officials' organizations... specifically by hindering their ability to recruit and retain game officials.

Another element to help create a respectful game day environment for the officials will be to rely more heavily on our coaches to communicate and enforce the policies.

With that in mind, the following is a set of guidelines for managing the game day environment at Eastside Travel League host sites.

- The host program must have a Gym Monitor, and the Gym Monitor must identify themselves to the officials and the coaches before every game.
- If a Gym Monitor determines that any parent and/or other person(s) are being overly abusive toward an official(s) they should warn the individuals(s) that they need to stop, or risk being asked to leave the gym.
- If an official determines that any parent and/or other person(s) are being overly abusive toward an official(s) they should let the coaches know. The coaches can warn individuals(s) that they need to stop, or risk being asked to leave the gym.
- If a Gym Monitor or coach asks a parent and/or other person(s) to leave the gym, the parent and/or other individual(s) must leave immediately. Failure to do so in a timely manner will result in a technical foul called against the team associated with said individual(s).
- Any resistance to leave the gym after a technical foul has been issued may result in a game forfeiture.
- A second instance of a parent and/or an individual being asked to leave will result in the forfeiture of the game.