



# SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

The safety of the players has always been the highest priority in the sport and surpasses the outcome of the game.

The same principle applies for the safety of the game officials and these points should be followed to achieve this goal.

1. If at any time you are threatened or intimidated by words or actions by any players, coaches, spectators, and feel you cannot continue with the game, you are to abandon the game.
2. At **no** time are you to engage in any verbal and physical confrontation with players, coaches, and spectators before, during, or after a game.
3. At any time during, before or after a game, you feel threatened you are to stay together with your crew and immediately call the proper authorities.
4. As part of Law 5, one of the duties required for a game official is to complete a game report as well as document any infractions during, prior and after a game.
5. A special incident report **must** be submitted to the district association as well as Ontario Soccer within 48 hours and included in this report would be a referee assault form, if applicable.
6. As a game official you **must** always conduct yourself with the upmost professionalism and proper edict from the moment you arrive to the pitch-
7. You should always hold yourself to the highest standards no matter what game level you are officiating.