

Field Marshal Program

The mission of the Field Marshal Program is to help maintain a positive attitude on both sidelines (parents and coaches). This includes

- Maintaining the AYSO philosophy of Good Sportsmanship and Positive Coaching (parents included)
- Enforcing AYSO Kid Zone (for both players and youth referees)
 - See Kids Zone Pledge
- Enforce the following Regional Rules
 - Coaches, players and team manager must stay on one side of the field with spectators and parents on the other.
 - No one is allowed to be behind the goals
- Support the Regional Staff with field maintenance and safety
 - Ensure parents put up & take down the goals
 - Ensure the goals are staked down properly before every game
 - Inform Regional Staff on any safety issues (e.g., holes in field)
 - After the game, remind teams to clean up and leave the sideline promptly

During a game, if the Field Marshal needs to take corrective action against an individual, he/she can do so in several ways. These are listed in a progressive order

- 1) Stand silently behind the offender (usually this will be enough)
- 2) Give a calm reminder
 - a. “Sorry, there is no coaching from behind the goal line”
 - b. “Sir, yelling at the referee is not allowed in this league”
- 3) Give a firm warning, if reminder does not work
 - a. “ Sir, you may be asked to leave the field if this behavior continues”

Field marshals are not authorized to remove anyone from the field. Only the Regional Commissioner, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator, CVPA, and the center referee have that authority. If the field marshal feels that the issue needs to be elevated, then they should *immediately* talk to one of the above mentioned authorities.