

Soccer Nova Scotia

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Effective November 15, 1996, Soccer Nova Scotia adopts zero tolerance program on disrespect for officials. Disrespect for officials includes:

- **Using abusive or foul language toward an official**
- **Continuing to disagree with the referee's decision**
- **Directing verbal or non-verbal insults and clear and unambiguous gestures of an insulting nature at an official**
- **Physically confronting an official by invading his/her personal space and not retreating when told to do so**
- **Initiating intentional physical contact with an official during a discussion of game activities before, during and after the game**

Persons abusing the zero tolerance rules will be brought before the Soccer Nova Scotia Discipline and Appeals Committee for a hearing.