



CALIFORNIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE

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CONDUCT IN COMPETITION - SOCCER

GOALS

- * The Cal Pac shall be a conference that sets standards for sportsmanship in all sports, with a unanimous recognition via the Champions of Character scorecard as "Conference of Character."
- * The Cal Pac shall lead in Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Sportsmanship and Servant-Leadership and be nationally known for its adherence to those standards of character.
- * The Cal Pac, and its member institutions, shall produce individuals who, upon completion of their time at the institution and in the conference, have stronger and better character so that they are influencers and leaders in this area for the rest of their lives.

PROBLEM

- * On-field conduct issues within the sport of soccer in the Cal Pac do not meet the standards of a Champions of Character conference, institution, team or individual.
- * The sport of soccer leads the nation in ejections, which result in penalty points on the Champions of Character scorecard. While it is possible to be ejected from a soccer contest for "non-conduct" related issues (double yellows), the preponderance of ejections nationally and in the Cal Pac were for physical contact, unsporting play, and other conduct issues.

ACTIONS

- * The Commissioner has met with the regional soccer officiating group and received enthusiastic support for expecting increased standards of on-field conduct during competition. The officials working Cal Pac games are in partnership with not tolerating behavior which does not reach the standards noted in our goals. We have expressed a zero tolerance standard in regards to dangerous contact, abusive language, and unsporting play.
- * Each soccer contest will be attended by an administrator who is empowered and required to work with the officials and coaches to reach and exceed conduct standards.
- * In the event neither the coaches nor officials are able to correct those issues that threaten the high goals of conduct, the athletics administrator are empowered to immediately end the contest. In such an case, a double-forfeit may be awarded at the commissioner's discretion.

The general standard for the host institution and the competing coaches:

You are responsible for what happens on the Cal Pac soccer fields, starting today.