

	<p>warning that a third infraction may result in the ejection of the coach in charge of the spectator(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third infraction: The referee may instruct the coaches to direct the spectator to leave the field and may eject the responsible coach for failing to control the spectator(s). If the ejected coach and the spectator(s) fail to leave the area of the field, the referee may abandon the game. <p>Nothing in this rule may be construed to limit the referee's discretion as granted by FIFA Laws of the Game.</p> <p>Notification: Should a referee eject any player, coach, bench personnel or spectator, and/or abandon a game, he/she shall notify the SoccerMaine in writing. A written report of the pertinent facts should be sent to the SoccerMaine office within 24 hours. <i>If a game is abandoned prior to completion, the referee will make no determination as to the outcome of the match.</i> SoccerMaine may refer the matter to its disciplinary committee for further action, if necessary, and/or to the appropriate competitive committee for disposition of an abandoned game.</p>
Explanation	Soccer Maine will not tolerate any abuse of referees, assistant referees, or fourth officials from coaches, players, other team staff, or spectators. This policy ensures that referees and assistant referees can officiate games in a safe, non-threatening environment and will not be subjected to any critical, disparaging, or otherwise abusive remarks. Soccer Maine expects all clubs, coaches, and players to assist in maintaining the highest of standards in sportsmanship and personal conduct.
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