



Take 5
#NoRefNoGame



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What & Why?

The Why?

After many surveys, it was found that a leading reason Match Officials do not enjoy the role is because of: **Spectator Behaviour**

What is Take 5?

- **Take 5 is an initiative to specifically address spectator behaviour, that goes beyond being acceptable, immediately in the moment**
- **The approach involves a total of 3 Stages:**
 - 1) Warning
 - 2) Timeout
 - 3) Abandon

What is Unacceptable Behaviour?

- **The following are examples of unacceptable behaviours:**
 - Sarcastic clapping
 - Attempts to intimidate the referee
 - Name calling
 - Dissenting and rude comments
 - The use of foul language
 - Any attempts to enter the field of play to confront a Match Official
 - Other actions deemed inappropriate by the Match Official

Please note: *the above is not an exhaustive list



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How it Works

The 3 Step Process

1) Warning

- **The first time that spectator behaviour crosses the acceptable threshold, the referee will pause the game**
- **The referee will address the behaviour with the coaches, who will then address their team's spectators**
 - No additional time is added for the warning stoppage
- **Play is restarted according to the Laws of the Game**

2) Timeout

- **The second time spectator behaviour crosses the acceptable threshold, the game is paused for 5 minutes**
 - No additional time is added for this stoppage
 - No activity is allowed on the field during this time
- **Once the 5 minutes have elapsed, play is restarted according to the Laws of the Game**

- **This is the stage where Take 5 takes its name**

3) Abandon

- **The third time spectator behaviour crosses the acceptable threshold, the game is abandoned**
- **The referee will submit the necessary reports to the appropriate governing bodies and, if necessary, other authorities**



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Partners in the Game

- **Everyone plays a critical role in the development of our game**
- **Our players need and deserve a fair and fun playing environment that promotes and enhances development**
 - Together, Match Officials and Coaches are key partners in making this environment a reality
 - Spectators too, have a role to encourage, support and cheer on their players while also allowing the Match Officials and Coaches to do and enjoy their jobs
- **The goal is that Take 5, where needed, will help remind everyone of how important their role is in supporting the development of Players, Coaches, and Match Officials**



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