OSHAWA KICKS SOCCER CLUB

24-Hour Rule

The 24-hour rule is a concept that many sports throughout Canada have adopted in an effort to reduce the impact of an emotional conversation between a parent/guardian and a coach, team official, or referee following a game or practice, especially in the presence of a player or players. OKSC subscribes to the 24-hour rule.

As parents/guardians, we will not always agree with a coach's decision. Coaches too make mistakes and are developing on a daily basis just as the players are. However, it is important to recognize that a coach's role is to make decisions for the team first and player second. Often, we tend to recognize our coaching staff's decisions through our player first and team second. Also, we need to understand that most players are not aware of any problems until we, as parents/guardians, bring it to their attention.

Briefly, this means that parents/guardians are not allowed to confront a coach, team official, or referee to discuss any "negative" game or practice situation with the coaching and management staff until at least 24 hours has passed from the completion of the game or practice. After 24 hours have elapsed, the parent/guardian may address their concern with the Head Coach or Team Manager.

AT NO TIME will a parent/guardian EVER confront a referee. If a parent/guardian has a fundamental issue with how a game was officiated, the parent/guardian will channel said concerns through the Head Coach or Team Manager.

If the parent/guardian feels the issue of concern remains and has not been appropriately addressed, the parent/guardian may schedule a meeting with the appropriate OKSC Staff Member.

If a parent/guardian violates the 24-Hour Rule, this will be viewed as a violation of the Parent Code of Conduct, and the Head Coach may recommend a disciplinary hearing.