



<b>EMSA Policy</b>	<b>Number:</b> G-01-0421	<b>Adopted by EMSA BOD</b> 08-2023
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<u>Policy Type</u>	Structure	Objectives	Registration	Game Regulations	Discipline
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**Title: Spectators Discipline**

<b>1. Background</b>	We have had quite an increase in parent and fan abuse towards officials and opposing players as well as parents and spectators running onto the field after games. This is a safety concern. We know that the Referee Liaison has helped but we are finding that sometimes they do not have the skills or the tools to quiet down an unruly or aggressive parent.
<b>2. Issue</b>	Before the Indoor Season 2023/2024 EMSA Board needs to take clear steps to insure the safety of the game by addressing erratic spectator behaviour.
<b>3. Policy</b>	<p><b><i>During the game:</i></b></p> <p><i>Referee hears abuse from a parent or parents: They first go and speak to the referee liaison to ask the parent to stop the abuse and then returns to referee the game. If the parent or parents continue and the referee ejects the parent(s) from the vicinity and writes a report. Name(s) must be reported to EMSA by the coaching staff.</i></p> <p><i>Fines will be incurred by the team. If the team does not pay the club will given the fine. Every incident after the first time will be doubled and then doubled again for each additional incident.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. \$100.00 fine for each parent removed.</p> <p><i>If the parent refuses to leave and the game is delayed</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. \$200.00 fine for each parent delaying the game.</p> <p><i>If the game is abandoned</i></p>

3. \$300.00 fine for the abandonment of the game and discipline along with a forfeit to the offending team. If both teams are involved both teams get the default.

*The fine(s) must be paid before their next game.*

*If the same parent is asked to leave then they will be brought up to Discipline along with the fines.*

*Any threats towards the referee(s) will be sent directly to ASA and incur a team fine of \$300.00*

**After the game:**

**Teams are to have a minimum 3 minutes to be able to exit the field before any spectators or parents can walk onto the field. For safety reasons rushing/walking or running onto the field is prohibited by spectators.**

*If after the game parents or spectators run or go onto the field and it is noted by the official there will be the following consequences.*

**First offence:** \$500.00 fine to the team/club

**Second offence:** \$750.00 fine to the team/club and a discipline hearing for the team/club

**Third offence:** \$1000.00 fine and the removal of spectators from that team for the rest of the season and a discipline hearing for the team/club

**4. Period in Effect**

This Policy is in effect until subsequently revoked by the EMSA Board of Directors or the EMSA AGM.

Implemented by the EMSA Board of Directors by resolution passed on August 31, 2023.