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## TO ALL PLAYERS, PARENTS AND COACHES

After recent incidents at KDNA I am proposing a NO TOLERANCE for parents/coaches to approach an "Umpire in Training".

If anyone has a problem with an umpire they should direct all questions to the "Umpire Supervisor" on that court. It is very difficult to determine or fix the problem after the game has finished. What everyone has to realise is the umpires are young and are learning.

We work on rules and interpretations at training but sometimes it takes repeating rules many times until they fully understand. Players are learning in U11C and U11B and so are their parents. Could all clubs please talk to their parents in this age group and explain that the majority of these trainee umpires are only 12 years old and are learning. They will and do make mistakes. Also you can ask the parents if they would assist me in training these umpires then maybe they will understand how difficult learning and umpiring is.

I also recommend all coaches read a rule book. Some coaches feel it is the responsibility of the umpire to explain all their decisions to the players. It is the responsibility of the coach to teach the players the rules and the umpire to enforce them.

Our main role is to encourage participation in a team sport. Young players are unaware of mistakes umpires make so why do parents/coaches get so upset in the younger age group. There are no ladders kept in U11C & U11B, so our main aim is the enjoyment of the player. Encouragement and praise is paramount in all age groups.

Could everyone please settle down and enjoy the development of their child.

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