



## NCYSA/NCSRA MINOR WRIST BAND INITIATIVE

Adult misconduct towards sports officials is becoming more prevalent in society. To draw attention to and help put a stop to this behavior, North Carolina Youth Soccer (NCYSA) and the North Carolina Soccer Referees Association (NCSRA) have instituted the Yellow Wrist Band Initiative for Minor Referees.

For our young, inexperienced Referees to become more experienced and better Referees, they must be able to officiate games without intimidation, fear, and/or abuse.

A Referee wearing the Yellow Wrist Band as shown below is a minor. We expect adults to show the encouragement and respect the minor deserves as the minor learns their craft.

**MINOR REFEREE**



Adults that are written up for misconduct – whether an official is wearing the Yellow Wrist Band or not – will be given more severe sanctions than in the past!

If an adult is written up for misconduct while the official IS wearing the Yellow Wrist Band, expect lengthy suspensions for the adult.

**ABUSE OF ANY OFFICIAL WILL NOT BE TOLERATED – ESPECIALLY OUR MINOR AGED OFFICIALS!**

While most NCYSA parents show officials the respect they deserve, and it is only a small percentage of adult spectators and adult coaches who push the boundaries of proper etiquette, it is EVERYONE'S responsibility – the Club, the coaches, other parents, etc., to police themselves and to set the standard for acceptable behavior.

We appreciate your assistance and attention in this initiative and wish you a good Spring Season!