

TAKE 5 PILOT PROJECT

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Ontario Soccer recognizes the importance of developing officials at every age and stage of their careers, from grassroots to elite levels, with a focus on age-appropriate learning and ongoing mentorship. With this, the **Take 5 Pilot Project** was introduced as part of the **#NoRefNoGame** initiative to help guide the development of Match Officials' over time, ensuring that they reach their full potential in a systematic and supportive manner from all stakeholders.



Match Officials are 16 years
of age and younger

53%

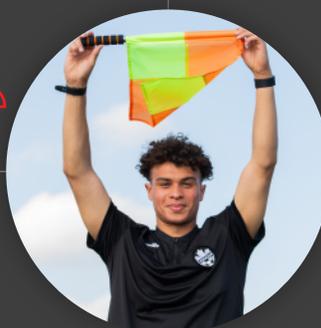
Match Officials have experienced
abuse from parents, spectators,
coaches, or players during or after
a game

94%



68%

of Match Officials experienced
feeling unsafe during or after a game



54%

of Match Officials feared for their
safety during or after a game

3 PHASE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

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PHASE 1: WARNING

The first time spectator behaviour crosses the acceptable threshold, the referee will pause the game. The Match Official will address the behaviour with the coaches, who will then directly address the team's spectators.

No additional time is added for the warning stoppage.

Play will be restarted according to the Laws of the Game.

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PHASE 2: TIMEOUT

The second time spectator behaviour crosses the acceptable threshold, the game is paused for 5 minutes. Once the 5 minutes has elapsed, play is restarted according to the Laws of the Game.

No additional time is added for this stoppage.

No activity is allowed on the field during this time.

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PHASE 3: ABANDON

The third time spectator behaviour crosses the acceptable threshold, the game is abandoned.

The Match Officials will submit the necessary reports to the appropriate Governing Bodies, and if necessary, other authorities.

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