

Hello San Jose West NJB Chapter,

If I am contacting the wrong email address, I apologize and ask that you forward it to the appropriate address.

As coaches we are always asked to provide feedback to the NJB and chapters and I never took the time until now. I would like to provide some constructive feedback on a negative incident we just experienced at the Palo Alto/Los Gatos girls D3 game at Oak Grove High School at 10:45AM, Sunday, March 30.

First of all, the refereeing was excellent; we barely beat a well coached and well mannered Palo Alto team, and the facilities were a good venue.

My feedback is with regards the young gentleman at the scorers' table. With a fraction of a second left in the third quarter and the clock stopped, I set up my girls for a long pass and catch and shoot play. The reality is that we had little chance of success but I always try to teach the girls to adapt to game and clock situations.

The nice young girl at the desk started the clock as soon as the referee handed the ball to our girl taking it out and then there of course was no play.

I went to the desk and informed her that for future reference, the clock should not start until the ball is touched inbounds and then I headed for my huddle.

The young gentleman working next to her yelled at me, telling me our girls did not have a chance to score anyway so it did not matter. I then informed him that rules are rules and I just wanted to educate the scorekeepers for future situations. I did not ask for the play to be replayed.

The young man would not let it go; he continued to harass me in front of my girls. I told him I had no time to argue with him that I had to get my girls organized.

He spent the rest of the game with the iPod in his ear and the young girl ran the clock quite well.

I provide this feedback constructively and ask that the chapter communicate to their workers the importance of good behavior in front of young players.

I would also like to know that someone communicates to this young man the same message. His lack of respect is obviously not what we look for in the NJB.

Thanks for your time.

Best regards,


All Star Team Head Coach