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In this week's update we have information about:

- **AI Camera Ruins Soccer Game for Fans**
- **Let's Review: Dealing with Spectators**
- **2021 Badges**



Funny: AI Camera Ruins Soccer Game for Fans

Artificial intelligence camera ruins soccer game for fans after mistaking referee's bald head for the ball!

The purists in the beautiful game may have just won a small victory over those that want more technology introduced in the game.

To watch the video click the picture or follow the link here -

<https://www.iflscience.com/technology/ai-camera-ruins-soccer-game-for-fans-after-mistaking-referees-bald-head-for-ball/>

Let's Review: Dealing with Spectators

The Laws of the Game grant the referee authority of players, substitutes, and team officials. They do not permit referees to demand a parent or fan to leave. So how do we manage spectators when they misbehave?

Simple, we engage the head coach and work with them to get compliance from the unruly spectator(s). **The coaches** must find ways to control the problem either through their own actions or with the assistance of other spectators or by other means (site/tournament

personnel). At no point should we directly interact with the spectator – this will just lead to further confrontation. Assistant Referees should relay all information to the center referee who will work with the head coach.

Ok, so you've worked with the head coach to control the spectator(s) but it hasn't worked. What now?

There are only two options:

1. Suspend the match until the uncontrollable spectators have left
2. Terminate the match

In all scenarios, you must report all the facts in your match report so the league and/or state can act on that information for additional discipline.

If you need help, are unsure of how to word something or just need advice don't hesitate to reach out to any EPSARC member or the office at EPSARCOffice@gmail.com.

2021 Badges are Going in the Mail

Make sure you get all your recertification requirements done! We are planning on mailing out our first-round of 2021 badges on Tuesday, November 10th.

[2020-2021 Laws of the Game Changes](#)

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The Laws of the Game now fit in your pocket!The International Football Association Board (IFAB) has put together a great iPhone and Android app with the Laws of the Game and more...definitely worth downloading!

Simply go to the App Store in iOS or the Google Play Store and search "Laws of the Game".

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For the Good of the Game.
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