



**GOLDEN EMPIRE  
YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL**

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2024 - Golden Empire  
Youth Tackle Football & Cheer Inc.  
Game Officials/Referee **"Halo Policy"**

Golden Empire Game Officials/Referees are considered a "protected class" and will be treated as such by all spectators, volunteers, coaches, board members, and or staff.

For purposes of this section, "GEYF Game Official" means any individual who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or who serves in a similar capacity but may be known by a different title or name and is a duly assigned member of Golden Empire's Officiating Staff.

At no time prior, during, or after a game will a spectator, volunteer, and or unauthorized Golden Empire Board Member or Coach, approach game officials in any capacity.

- **In Game Communication:** During Game Play, respectful communication between a Teams' Head Coach and game officials is an allowable and welcomed course of action with an emphasis placed one Head Coach to "White Hat" dialogue. At no time shall Assistant Coaches engage in dialogue with game officials as that is exclusively the role of the Head Coach.
- **Pre & Post Game Communication:** At no time "Pre or Post Game" will Golden Empire Coaches approach Game Officials in any capacity. Golden Empire Game Officials are positioned by design, away from team and Spectator areas to avoid contact.

California Code, Penal Code - PEN § 243.8

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(a) When a battery is committed against a sports official immediately prior to, during, or immediately following an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other organized amateur or professional athletic contest in which the sports official is participating, and the person who commits the offense knows or reasonably should know that the victim is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, the offense shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) For purposes of this section, “sports official” means any individual who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or who serves in a similar capacity but may be known by a different title or name and is duly registered by, or a member of, a local, state, regional, or national organization engaged in part in providing education and training to sports officials