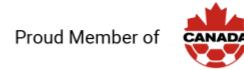




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2022-043
Date: July 11, 2022
To: District Administrators, Presidents, Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Nicky Pearson, Sr. Manager, Match Officials Development
Subject: #NoRefNoGame Facility Signage

Research shows that Match Officials are at increased risk for mental health challenges. When surveyed, the number one reason for Match Officials not returning to the game is maltreatment. Match Official retention and recruitment numbers are historically low, and if they continue at current levels will threaten the viability of our game.

Step two in Ontario Soccer's multi-year #NoRefNoGame Match Official Anti-Bullying and Harassment program (via [Bulletin #I2022-042](#)), is the release of our Match Officials Anti-Abuse Poster to our valued members.

This poster is for use by our membership associations in their facilities, around their fields, on their websites and through social media. We have provided multiple versions for easy download here: [#NoRefNoGame](#)

This link also hosts additional resources supporting the Anti-Bullying and Harassment program.

Additional information and resources will be released in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicky Pearson, Sr. Manager of Match Officials Development npearson@ontariosoccer.net

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