

Advice for newer officials on reffing a one-sided game:

- Remain objective in calling the game despite the score.
 - Making the calls and keeping the game under control is our highest concern.
 - Yes, time-serving penalties can add to the lopsided score via man-up situations, but it isn't your job to soften the blow of defeat.
 - So don't allow subjectivity to set in and lessen the fouls called on the team being overwhelmed.
- The Team that is behind:
 - If the coach becomes more vocal, let him know that the way the game is being called will not change, but he can instruct his team – and specific players – to modify how they are playing. Caution him against physicality that exceeds the skill to control it.
 - As a score gets more lopsided, frustrated players may start to commit more fouls, particularly personal ones like unnecessary roughness, slashing, or unsportsmanlike nature. **YOU MUST MAKE THESE CALLS!**
- The Team that is ahead:
 - If you start to lessen the calls, the stronger team may become aggravated and start pushing back on the weaker team, committing fouls out of frustration.
 - Let their coach know that safety and sportsmanship are your key concern, and if his players use physicality that is unnecessary to succeed, borderline calls will go against them.
- Apart from some (very) minor discretion on 50/50 calls as described above, **THE THRESHOLD FOR CALLING FOULS MUST REMAIN THE SAME FOR BOTH TEAMS.**
- Teams have been known to make huge comebacks. If you give a team breaks and they come back to win, you have made yourself a factor in the outcome of the game. *Stay Neutral!*
- Keep in mind the setting and which is the home team. Frustrated fans of the losing team may make inappropriate gestures and comments. Fans of the winning team may ridicule the visiting players. This poor sportsmanship needs to be kept in check! Work through the head coach or site coordinator and penalize accordingly if behavior becomes unacceptable.