

YOU MAKE THE CALL.....

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SCENARIO 1

- It is your first TOPSoccer training session of the season. You arrive at the field 30 minutes before your session to set up your activities before players arrive.
- While setting up, you find an area of the field (10x20 yards) with a “Ground Under Repair” sign on it.

What do you do?



SOLUTION

- Hold the TOPSoccer Session
- Safety: Place cones around area under repair; don't use this area of the field
- Communication w/Parents: opportunity to build Parental confidence in your program
- Communication to Buddies on area under repair; best if before players arrive



SCENARIO 2

- During a TOPSoccer session, a player working with one TOPSoccer “Buddy” drops to the ground into a sitting position and won’t move from the field.
- You did not observe any contact with another player or an obvious reason for this behavior.

 What do you do?

SOLUTION

- Player Safety: Act immediately if Buddy is not insuring Player safety
- Coax player off the field; do not physically remove player from field
- Try to determine w/Buddy why Player dropped to ground: signs of being tired? need more breaks? engagement level?
- Observe & provide feedback to Buddy on their handling of situation (upon completion of session)
- Should 2 Buddies be assigned this player in future sessions?



SCENARIO 3

- You are holding a scrimmage between teams you have set up at your TOPSoccer session. No Buddies are playing in the scrimmage.
- One of the players is dribbling around opponents and scoring multiple goals.
- All of a sudden a player on the opposing team tackles the “Goal Scorer” and begins to punch him.

What do you do?



SOLUTION

- Immediate Action required by Coach(es): separate players!
- Assess players for injuries; take appropriate first aid actions if required
- Remove two players from game area; allow scrimmage to re-start; explanation to players if necessary. If some players are upset, give them a break.
- Maybe incorporate Buddies now into the Scrimmage to change tone of the game: a new start
- Ask player who initiated the fight to try to explain his actions
 - initiate appropriate response(s) discussion with player
- Discussion with both sets of Parents on incident and your actions
- Discuss with Parents potential ramifications of this incident:
 - removal from program; one week break; etc

