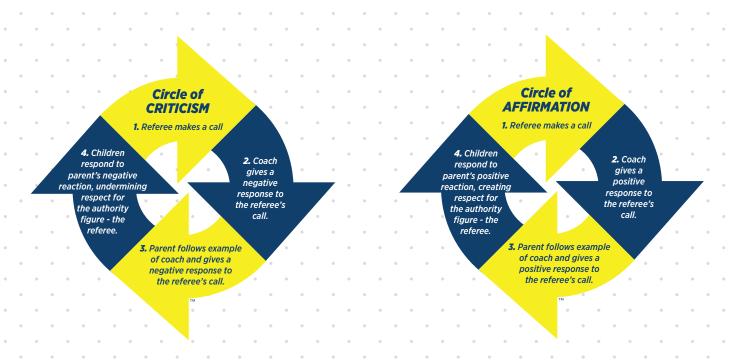


Actions and reactions during the game, particularly those of coaches and referees, will have a lasting effect that either opens or closes the door to ministry. The Circle of Criticism and the Circle of Affirmation are simple concepts that illustrate the results of a coach giving a referee either negative or positive feedback.

## IN UPWARD SPORTS, COACHES AND REFEREES WORK TOGETHER AS A UNIFIED TEAM.



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## **CIRCLE OF CRITICISM**

Coaches have the opportunity and the responsibility to stop the Circle of Criticism by starting the Circle of Affirmation instead.

- The Circle of Criticism begins when the coach gives a negative response to a right or wrong call made by the referee
- The coach's example gives the parent the implied permission to react negatively towards the referee
- The parent's example causes the player to assume that it is acceptable to react in the same way. The result can be a negative attitude towards authority

## **CIRCLE OF AFFIRMATION**

The Circle of Affirmation also goes beyond the referee. A coach's affirmation of players inspires encouragement and positive comments from parents, family members and other players.

- The Circle of Affirmation begins when the coach gives a positive response to a right or wrong call made by the referee
- The coach's example influences the parent to react positively towards the referee
- The parent's example encourages the player to give a positive response. The result is a positive attitude towards authority