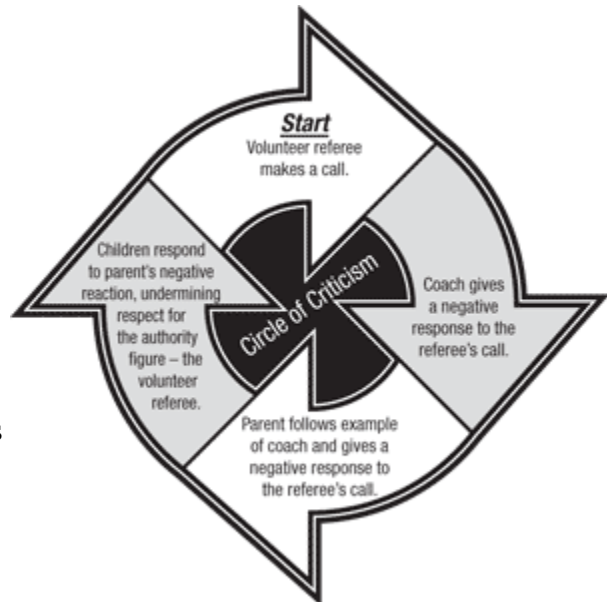


The Circle of Criticism and Circle of Affirmation are simple concepts that illustrate the results associated with negative and positive feedback given to the referee. In Upward Sports, coaches and referees work together as a unified team.

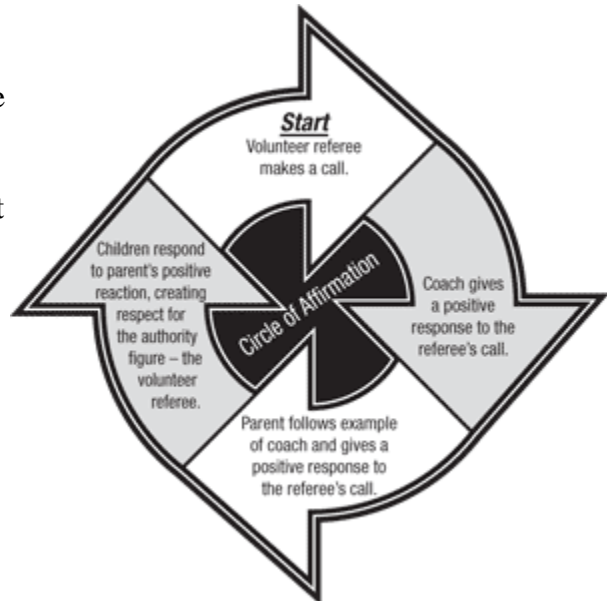
What happens in the Circle of Criticism?

- The Circle of Criticism begins when a coach responds negatively to a right or wrong call made by the referee.
- The coach's example gives the parent the implied permission to react negatively toward the referee.
- A parent's example causes the child to assume that it is acceptable to react in the same way. The result can be a negative attitude toward the referee, who represents authority on the court.



What happens in the Circle of Affirmation?

- 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 toward the referee.
- A parent's example encourages the child to give a positive response. The result is a positive attitude toward authority.



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

Practicing the Circle of Affirmation makes the game a better experience for everyone involved.