

**May 8-14, 2022**

These reports have been redacted, condensed, and edited for clarity and to protect the identity of the officials, players, coaches, and teams involved in them. This document is to simply demonstrate to the soccer community types of behavior being reported by officials on fields in Minnesota.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/9/2022, 7:15p  
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U17  
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men  
Person Reported: ██████████

Report: Second Half started, ██████ fell twice and ██████ players did not cause the falls, ██████ would take his time getting up as if he was injured. At the 55' ██████ and ██████ player were challenging for the ball, ██████ had control, ██████ fell to the ground began holding his leg and complaining he was taken down by ██████, however it was very clear he was never even touched by another player. ██████ was shown a yellow card for Unsporting behavior, I explained to him he was never even touched.

At the 65' ██████ and ██████ player were playing for the ball, ██████ gained control of it, another ██████ player made some sort of comment to ██████ who responded very loudly "What the Fuck am I supposed to do." I was in the center circle area, he was near the parent line. The ball was kicked out of play I immediately whistled and showed ██████ a Red Card for 2nd Caution/Offensive language.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/9/2022, 8 pm  
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U18  
Gender of Teams: Girls/Women  
Person Reported: ██████████

Report: In the 66th minute of the match, ██████ and ██████ played a ball off of a GK drop-kick. ██████ went straight up to head the ball, and ██████ came running in to head the ball but did so recklessly. The two players bumped heads in the air. Both players went down, I stopped play, and called both coaches onto the field to attend to their injured players. Fortunately, both players were able to walk off the field after some time. I gave ██████ a yellow card for unsporting behavior.

In the 87th minute of the match, ██████ cleared the ball under heavy traffic from the opposing team. As soon as the ball was cleared, I turned my back to follow play and almost immediately afterwards heard an uproar from the TFE team, bench, and parents. I turned around to see ██████ on the ground holding her ankle and in a lot of pain. Since my back was turned, I did not see what happened. I ran over to AR1 on the touchline and asked what he saw. AR1 was very confident in what he saw and said that ██████ had made a play for the ball that ██████ cleared, missed the ball, and accidentally kicked ██████ in the ankle. AR1 said ██████ made a play for the ball recklessly and should be given a yellow card. I asked him if a red card was warranted, but he said that ██████ was making a play for the ball and did not use excessive force or brutality against TFE #0 in doing so, nor

did she attempt to make a play when [REDACTED] not have the ball. AR1 was confident that the play was an accident, reckless, but not done with excessive force or brutality. Based on this, I gave [REDACTED] a yellow card for unsporting behavior. [REDACTED] was injured, left the field for the remainder of the game.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/9/2022, 8:30PM  
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct  
Age of Teams: Adult  
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men  
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 83rd minute a goal was scored by [REDACTED], all of the [REDACTED] players thought the goal scorer was offside, AR 1 quickly confirmed the goal. At that point players from [REDACTED] started yelling and asking lots of questions. I was talking [REDACTED] players when AR 1 called me over and informed me that [REDACTED] said "you are a f\*cking b\*tch" to AR 1. I issued a red card to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED].

After doing that the captain for [REDACTED] had a discussion with me saying that AR 1 told [REDACTED] "he got kicked in the head too hard" which he claimed aggravated the response from [REDACTED] (he did have a head injury before this incident, in the 2nd half but continued playing). I did not hear this.

AR 2 told me after the game that as [REDACTED] walked towards the bench and removed his gear, he continued to be aggravating towards the other team. However, we did not hear what was said.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/10/2022, 6:00 p.m.  
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U13  
Gender of Teams: Girls/Women  
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 20th minute, a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] player challenged for the ball. Both tripped. Coach [REDACTED] yelled from the sidelines, "Are you going to call that?" I stopped play because the [REDACTED] player was still on the ground holding her leg/ankle. I waived the coach on to attend to the player. Coach [REDACTED] came straight to me, without going to his player, and asked if that was a fair challenge for the ball. I issued him a yellow card for verbal dissent.

In the 40th minute, two opposing players again challenged for the ball and collided near the bench area. The [REDACTED] player fell to the ground saying she got hit in the head. Coach [REDACTED] again yelled from the bench, "Ref are you going to call that? This is getting very serious." He continued to say things I could not hear, but as I got closer I did hear him say, "I don't care if he throws me out, I am not going to stop complaining." I then stopped play to attend to the injured player. Coach [REDACTED] continued to yell at me to make a call. I then issued him a second yellow card for verbal dissent, and then a red card for receiving two yellows in the same match and told him to leave the field. I then suspended play for approximately two minutes while Coach [REDACTED] left.

In both incidents, the injured player got up and left the field on their own power within a few seconds. Both players also eventually returned to the game.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/10/2022, 5:00 p.m.  
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U9  
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men  
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, [REDACTED] was loudly questioning my calls. I did not address him. Late in the match [REDACTED] complained about another decision and told me he was going to be talking to my supervisor about my refereeing ability. I gave him a red card for abusing me.

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Contest Date/Time: 05/10/2022, 5:30  
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U12  
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men  
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the third minute of the game, there was a slide tackle from behind by [REDACTED]. Initially, I showed a yellow card, and called the [REDACTED] coach onto the field since the player was injured.

I then conferred with the AR [REDACTED] and we both concluded that there were no other defenders (besides the keeper) between the offense and the goal, so it was a clear DOGSO. I then upgraded the card to a red card and sent off [REDACTED]

I then explained the call to the [REDACTED] coach, who disagreed with the upgrade, but was polite in the discussion.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/12/2022, 6:30 pm  
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U14  
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men  
Person Reported: [REDACTED] parents, coach

Report: Match terminated 1 minute early due to home fans verbally abusing and using threatening language to AR and center official.

The triggering incident was AR2 flagging a foul and motioning for a card to be given. This occurred in front of the [REDACTED] parent section. A barrage of insults and profanity were directed at the AR.

The [REDACTED] sideline was no longer a safe work space. I terminated the game.

████ coach did not agree with our assessment and was opinionated and was given a yellow card for dissent.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/13/2022, 5:00 p.m.  
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U17  
Gender of Teams: Girls/Women  
Person Reported: ██████████

Report: In the 80th minute with the score of 3-0, the ball bounces past █████ in a duel with opposing attacker just outside of the penalty area. █████ stumbles and grabs on to the leg of the attacker rushing in on goal with only the goalkeeper in her path, while in control of the ball. After the attacker fell over, I blew the whistle, signaled for a direct free kick in the penalty arc and sent off the player without any protests from the players or the coach.

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Contest Date/Time: 5/14/2022, 5:15  
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct  
Age of Teams: U17  
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men  
Person Reported: ██████████

Report: After Receiving a Caution in the 12th Minute for UB for Stopping or Interfering with a Promising Attack, █████ was sent off for using Abusive/Insulting/offensive language when he said "what the fuck are you smoking ref, you're crazy."