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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.

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.

Contest Date/Time: 5/14/2022, 2:00
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct, Other
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: ██████████
Description of Reported Person: person was stated as Assistant coach/parent

Report: 2nd half, offsides was called by AR1, coaching team members questioned call. AR1 explained, bench continued to argue. I as the center, came over to assess situation and explained to coaches that the AR explained call and no more should be said. Bench continued to argue and were promptly told call was made and explained, as I turned around to continue with game, person reported exclaimed loudly "WOW". I turned to person and showed yellow card and ask to see person's pass as they were not present at check in. Coach said he has a pass, I reiterated that I needed to see pass; they could not produce pass. I told person he needed to leave the bench area and he proceeded to argue and was shown a second yellow card and then RED; promptly dismissed; person did leave the bench area.

Contest Date/Time: 5/15/2022, 11:00am
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: ██████████, ██████████, ██████████

Report: ■ on ■ and ■ on ■ were chasing down a loose ball. ■ slide tackled ■, but won the ball out of it, barely touching ■ but causing him to lose some of his balance. The ball spewed out and ■ gained control of it and began to switch the ball out of the back, so I continued to watch the ball. I heard yelling so I turned and I saw that ■ and ■ were having a fist fight and holding on to each other. I blew the whistle and ran over there and separated the boys. As I separated them from each other, ■ on ■ retaliated towards ■. Teammates of the players held their teammates back, and I sent off the two who were involved in the first altercation. I then talked to my AR, ■, if there was anything I missed, and he said to card ■ on ■ for retaliation, which I did. During the fight, there were 2 parents who stepped onto the field, but I did not focus on them when I was separating the boys. I did hear them yell at their boys, but afterwards, they stepped off the field.

Contest Date/Time: 5/15/2022, 0830
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U16
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: ■■■■■■■■■■

Report: The game stated off decent with both teams challenging for the ball often.

In the 43' ■ was shown a YC for persistent infringement, he came in on a hard tackle taking down the ■ player. This was at least his third hard challenge / tackle for the ball in the game.

In the 58' ■ had the ball and was moving up the field when ■ came in from behind on a very hard tackle, the ■ player went down, I as center did not see the tackle but the resulting injury from it. I consulted with AR2 who indicated ■ needed a yellow card for the play. AR2 was very confident, the challenge occurred within 10-15 feet of his position. ■ disagreed with the card but accepted it.

In the 62' ■ had a corner kick, as the high ball moved toward goal, I observed ■ Goalie two-hand push an offensive player down, many players rushed in for the ball. The ball bounced off the goalie to the ground. ■ then fell on to the ball right at the goal line. I began to blow my whistle for the initial foul caused by the goalie. As ■ was on the ground, he covered the ball up laying on top of it, ■ players were trying to kick at the ball and were verbally and physically upset it was covered up by ■. Once players backed off, I immediately showed a YC to the goalie. AR1 indicated he wanted to discuss what was observed. ■ got up and was quite upset thinking I carded him. I went to discuss the call with AR1. He indicated he did not see the push but did see ■ on the ground on the goal line holding onto the ball. If ■ was booked it would have been a 2nd YC for him with a dismissal, I said I saw the push first and would award the PK for the goalie violation. I went back and explained the YC was for the Goalie push to the players. I then went to the sideline to explain the call to both coaches, neither of whom indicated they disagreed with the call on the field.

In the 74' [REDACTED] goalie took possession of the ball he had it wrapped in both arms standing up, no challenge was made for it. The goalie began taking a couple steps to get ready to throw or kick the ball, he had solid possession for 4-6 seconds. [REDACTED] deliberately walked toward the goalie, with both hands extended he two-hand pushed the goalie causing him to be off balance. There were no players between me or the two players, it was a clear view, and it was clearly intentional. [REDACTED] was shown a Red Card for Violent Conduct. I walked up to [REDACTED], he disagreed with the call, I explained that he clearly made the choice to push the goalie, it was not an accident, and there was more than enough time to make a better decision. [REDACTED] walked to bench and sat down. I went to the coach, who sat on the bench, as I was explaining the card, he quietly said "I disagree, that's a yellow." I explained that in a lower-level play or situation where it's an accident maybe, the coach said, "I am not going to argue with you, but I disagree." [REDACTED] was on the bench starting to use some foul language, I asked the coach to immediately have the player leave the area of play and that I would not restart until he did. The player left the immediate area.

At team check in both teams were advised that they needed to play a clean game and the referees make the calls. Throughout the game the players were upset calls were not being made for challenged plays. I had a discussion with [REDACTED] in the second half, he could have been shown a YC for dissent, but didn't as there was very short time left in the game this was after a hard challenged ball that awarded his team a free kick, at the halfway line near the center circle, [REDACTED] said "Maybe it should be a PK." I called [REDACTED] over to me, asked him if he was a referee, to which he stated "NO" I then asked him if this circle looked like the goal box, to which he said "NO", I then explained that the call stands.

Contest Date/Time: 5/16/2022, 19:30
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: [REDACTED] verbally (and loudly) disputed my decision to award a penalty kick to [REDACTED] at the 19th minute following a [REDACTED] player's handball in the penalty area. I cautioned him for dissent by word (DT).

After the game, a [REDACTED] parent crossed the field to express his displeasure about some of my calls.

Contest Date/Time: 5/16/2022, 7:15PM
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct
Age of Teams: U17
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: I ABANDONED the match during half-time break due to [REDACTED] Team Coach ([REDACTED]) refusal to move/slide his team bench away from the Referee bench, creating a legal technical area for his team. Coach

was angrily defiant, totally non-cooperative, and publicly DISRESPECTFUL in tone, manner, and with dismissive attitude.

The Benches were too close together in the first place. This was due to a safety accommodation by the officials, before the start of game, which necessitated a re-alignment of the field -- for the SAFETY of the players. First half of the game went very well without notable incidents. It was a simple request by the Referee crew, during half-time, that met with the Coache's public dissent, refusal, and disrespect.

I informed the Coach that the match will be abandoned if he continued to be defiant. To which he replied, "Yes, You Can Leave." I then summoned my crew and directed them to leave the field with me and that our jurisdiction is over here, due to the irresponsible behavior of the Coach. However, I as drove away from the site, I noticed AR2 ([REDACTED]) officiating the game, as the Center Referee. My official score for the game was 0-0 at the end of first-half.

Contest Date/Time: 5/16/2022, 7:15pm
Incident Type(s): Spectator Misconduct
Age of Teams: U14
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Description of Reported Person: [REDACTED] parent

Report: As I was crossing the pitch after the game a [REDACTED] parent was standing 30 yards inside the pitch in my direct line to the parking lot. Unable to avoid a conflict, the parent and I engaged in a short verbal confrontation. Once the parent threatened that he would report me, I walked back towards the [REDACTED] bench. Because [REDACTED] had lost the game, I asked the [REDACTED] coach to come to me at a spot away from the players equal distant from where we were. Initially the [REDACTED] coach, who had received a caution in the last two minutes of the game, refused. I informed the coach that if he refused, I would also write him up in the report. The coach met me, and I informed him that a parent needs to be removed. I gave him the description and the players said that it was [REDACTED]'s dad. The parent was no longer on the pitch so I was able to leave. I do not know if the coach informed the parent.

Contest Date/Time: 5/18/2022, 8:15 pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct, Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct, Injury
Age of Teams: U16
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Report: In the 34th minute, after playing advantage, [REDACTED] charged an opponent causing a pile up of bodies. While getting up and before I could get there, [REDACTED] put [REDACTED] in a headlock. [REDACTED] pushed him off. Both players were sent off for Violent Conduct.

In the 80+4th minute, [REDACTED] committed a reckless tackle to deny an obvious goal scoring opportunity with the attacking player going

towards goal from in front of the bench. No other defenders would have been able to defend the empty goal. He was sent off for DOGSO-F.

After showing the red card to [REDACTED] GK, [REDACTED] Coach [REDACTED] entered the field of play to protest the call. He was immediately shown a red card for irresponsible behavior. He refused to leave the field area and the game was ended.

After the game was ended, a [REDACTED] Parent confronted the referee and called me a "piece of shit." He was immediately shut down by [REDACTED] Coach [REDACTED]. The crew left with no more incidents.

Contest Date/Time: 5/18/2022, 7:30 p.m.

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct

Age of Teams: U18

Gender of Teams: Boys/Men

Description of Reported Person: Player [REDACTED]

Report: 57th minute AR1 flagged a foul by [REDACTED], he came from behind with force and kicked at the opponent's heels while pressing at his back.

80th minute, [REDACTED] loudly and repeatedly yelled "F-this", "F-ing that", multiple times.

Contest Date/Time: 5/19/2022, 8:45pm

Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct

Age of Teams: U14

Gender of Teams: Boys/Men

Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: There were 3 yellow cards. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]- Goalkeeper came out of the box, fouled a player, carded for stopping a promising attack. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]- Unsporting language while being subbed off. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]- reckless foul.

The coach from [REDACTED] was red carded with 11 minutes remaining. He had made a few comments/gestures in the first half that the AR1 had noted at half time, but no action was required. In the 58th min, the AR1 called a throw in for the opposing team and the coach disagreed. He yelled at me for the possible mistake and I told him he must stop the behavior immediately. He continued to complain about various things and was then yellow carded for dissent. He continued to talk saying he didn't care and wanted to continue to complain about different things. He was then red carded for dissent. I told him he must leave and asked if there was another coach. He said no and wanted to complain some more. I told him it was going to be a forfeit, blew the final whistle, and went to the sideline. His team continued to make comments and I warned them they were still under the laws of the game and they should stop talking. The coach told me to be quiet and continued to talk to me. I gave him my name as he asked and told him he must leave and his team was warned again. There were 11 min on the clock when the game ended and the score was 1-1.

Contest Date/Time: 5/20/2022, 6:45 PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U17
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: After the final whistle, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], said "that's some pussy ass boot ball," directing his words toward members of the [REDACTED] team. [REDACTED] was sent off for foul and abusive language.

Contest Date/Time: 5/20/2022, 6:45pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U17
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 90' minute of the match, [REDACTED] player [REDACTED] was shown a red card and sent off for violent conduct. Play was stopped, after this [REDACTED] stomped on the shin of the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] did leave the field in a timely manner.

Contest Date/Time: 5/21/2022, 2:00 pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U16
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: Double Yellow resulting in a Send Off

1st was for a late challenge outside the opposing penalty area near the end of the first half, where [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] mistimed a challenge and stepped on an opponent's foot resulting in a DFK 20 yards directly in front of goal.

2nd was in about the 25th minute of the second half for delaying a restart. [REDACTED] stood roughly three yards in front of a DFK for [REDACTED] located near the touchline to the right of goal just inside the attacking third. Both teams were warned previously to cease delaying restarts and [REDACTED] had already had a player cautioned for delaying a restart in the second half.

Contest Date/Time: 5/20/2022, 9:00pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U18
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Report: During the 85th minute of play, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] committed a foul in the middle of the field just outside the penalty area that prevented an obvious goal scoring opportunity for the [REDACTED] attacker. Since the foul occurred outside the penalty area, [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] was shown a red card

and sent off for denial of an obvious goal scoring opportunity. ■ left the match without further incident.

■ from ■ (■) persistently infringed upon the laws of the game by accumulating too many fouls and was show a yellow card in the 71st minute of play for the latest foul he had just committed in the middle of the field.

Subsequently, in the 85th minute of play, the same ■ from ■ committed a tactical foul that broke up an attack for the opponent. He was first shown a yellow for unsporting behavior.

As it was his second yellow, he was then shown a red card and sent off for receiving 2 yellow cards in one match. ■ left the game without further incident.

Contest Date/Time: 5/21/2022, 1:30
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U14
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: ■

Report: In the 20th minute of the match, the ■ keeper gained possession of the ball by sliding to the ground. ■ player number ■ slide tackled the keeper in a sweeping motion, striking the keeper's head before sticking his foot into the ball which was between the keeper's arms and chest. ■ was sent off for serious foul play and the keeper left the match to tend to his swelling.