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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: 5/22/2022, 6:00 pm
Incident Type(s): Spectator Misconduct
Age of Teams: U16
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In 78" parent for [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was dismissed for irresponsible behavior. He shouted "Ref hey ref that's four now" and held up four fingers. Earlier in the match he shouted that the calls were one sided in favor of [REDACTED].

In the 78" there was a contested ball at the halfway line. Trifling contact occurred right after ball went out of play. Throw in was awarded to [REDACTED] as ball was last touched by [REDACTED].

I went to [REDACTED] coach to have him deal with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was already leaving the bleachers. No further incident.

Contest Date/Time: 5/22/2022, 6:30PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: Adult
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 30th minute of the game, [REDACTED] tripped an attacking [REDACTED] player from behind and outside the penalty area, The [REDACTED] player was moving diagonally towards the goal line in the slight direction of the corner flag with enough room to serve in a cross or shoot when he was tripped. [REDACTED] was given a yellow card for unsporting behavior following his action to stop a promising attack by the [REDACTED].

In the 47th minute of the game, [REDACTED] tripped an attacking [REDACTED] player from behind on a near break away to the goal. Since there was another defender even with the [REDACTED] attacker, [REDACTED] received a second yellow card for stopping a second promising attack by the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was consequently issued a red card for receiving two yellow cards.

Contest Date/Time: 5/21/2022, 8:00AM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U17
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Report: Red card #1: [REDACTED] player [REDACTED] received his second caution of the game for unsporting behavior.

Red card #2: [REDACTED] player [REDACTED] was shown the red card and sent off for serious foul play. [REDACTED] challenged [REDACTED] from behind with no attempt to play the ball, while using excessive force with a straight leg, lunging tackle, studs exposed-which contacted the lower Achilles and ankle area, endangering the safety of the opponent.

Contest Date/Time: 5/23/2022, 7:00 PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct, Coach Misconduct
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Girls/Women
Person Reported: Coach [REDACTED], Unknown Person/player on [REDACTED] Bench

Report: My AR1 and I did not have an AR2 for this game which I made both teams aware of before kickoff. Throughout the game, [REDACTED] coach [REDACTED] repeatedly and publicly challenged calls including offsides calls on the side of the field without an AR. His players fed off this behavior and a strong "tell" was needed telling Coach [REDACTED] that further outbursts would not be tolerated, the coach reigned in his comments to a lower level although his frustrations had raised that of his players.

After the final whistle, [REDACTED] Coach [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] coach [REDACTED] were arguing with each other near the halfway line over some aspects of the game that I could not catch. I told them to go their separate ways and started helping the next game's referees get the field ready, for which I was AR1.

Coach [REDACTED] then asked to speak with me and advised me that his players told him a girl on the opposing team's bench said "we're gonna kick their asses after the game" at some point in the 2nd half. I advised the coach that I did not hear that personally but would record it in my game report and check with my AR. I spoke with the opposing [REDACTED] coach, [REDACTED], to ask if he had heard the reported comment, and he advised he had not. My AR1, [REDACTED], was playing in the next game and had gone to change so I was unable to immediately verify the report with him.

Due to being down an AR, I was unable to say where Coach [REDACTED] was in relation to the bench to know if he should have heard it. I was eventually able to review the incident with my AR1 who confirmed he had heard someone on the [REDACTED] bench say "we're gonna kick their asses after the game" but was unable to identify who had said it. I do not know if a non-rostered player was on the bench at the time.

Contest Date/Time: 5/23/2022, 7:30pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U17
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: [REDACTED] received a straight red card for violent conduct. After full time, he kicked one of the opposing team's

players while they were all walking off the field. AR [REDACTED] witnessed the full incident.

Contest Date/Time: 5/25/2022, 8:00PM
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct
Age of Teams: U19
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the second half I called a penalty kick for [REDACTED]. The coach for [REDACTED] got off the bench and left the technical area to the halfway line and started yelling about my decision. I showed the coach a red card for irresponsible behavior. I told the coach to leave the facility. He took his time, then started walking down the touch line towards the goal. We resumed play, the ejected coach stopped at the spectator side of the field, play was stopped and I told the coach to leave. The coach slowly backed towards the entrance to the facility. We resumed play, I added 5 additional minutes as a result of the delays caused by the coach since his team was leading.

Contest Date/Time: 5/25/2022, 8pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct, Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Report: In the 25th minute, the goalkeeper ([REDACTED]) came out of the box to face an attacker about 6 yards outside the box. There were no other defenders and [REDACTED] slid for the ball, missed it, but the ball hit his outreached arm above his body and thus stopping the attack. [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] was then red-carded in the 25th minute for DOGSO-Handling.

During the first half, number [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] was cautioned incorrectly for a misinterpreted play with the goalkeeper. As the center referee, I went to talk with my AR1 ([REDACTED]) about the play as the coaches and players argued about the call. The coach walked down the touchline to demand an explanation and to tell me I was wrong. He was told to return to his bench and to stop arguing. My AR and I came to a decision about the call to take back the yellow card and the coach continued to stand near to us 2/3 of the way down the sideline. He was then cautioned in the 32nd minute for dissent.

During the second half of the game, there was a challenge by [REDACTED] that was ruled as no foul by me. The coach started saying it was a foul and how come it wasn't a foul loudly and directly to the field. Within a couple of seconds, [REDACTED] was fouled and a foul was called. [REDACTED] was then sent off for dissent and asked to leave in the 73rd minute. He would not accept the card and continued to argue, ask for an explanation, and complain. I asked the assistant coach to tell [REDACTED] to leave and go talk to the parents as they had also complained about this decision and there were a few things said throughout the game. [REDACTED] continued to ask for an explanation and ask why the parents needed to be talked to. [REDACTED] was then asked again to leave and he continued to complain and ask questions repeatedly. [REDACTED] went and warned the [REDACTED] parents in the 74th minute.

█ eventually left after asking him several additional times. The final score was 3-1 with █ winning. After the game, █ came to the center of the field to ask me for a continued explanation and I told him he needed to return to his bench. He refused and was then cautioned for dissent. As the referee crew left the field, the red-carded coach had returned and asked us how many games he would be suspended. I told him I did not know and he would have to take that up with █. He then went into asking about the game and why he had been red-carded. I left the area at this point as I was done talking with this coach.

Contest Date/Time: 5/25/2022, 5:45 p.m.
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct
Age of Teams: U14
Gender of Teams: Girls/Women
Person Reported: █

Report: Away HC █ was ejected in the 53rd minute for threatening the referee that she was "going to report" the referee for refusing to entertain her complaint about an opposing player when the caution that had just been issued to her player was being explained to her. This was after she had been asked to stop complaining about offside calls against her team. She only left the vicinity of the field after being told the game would not continue with her present.

Contest Date/Time: 5/25/2022, 7:30
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: Adult
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: █

Report: In the 50th minute, █ received a caution for unsporting behavior following a reckless challenge. In the 60th minute, █ received his second caution for repeated public and personal dissent after his teammate committed a foul after already being warned. █ was subsequently sent off for receiving two cautions.

Contest Date/Time: 05/26/2022, 6:45
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U17
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: █

Report: In the 20th minute I called a █ foul for charging. The █ player landed on his shoulder and the █ coach, █ wanted a yellow card. I told him that it was a foul that was called, but it was not excessive.

In the 40th minute, █ for █ made a hard charge on the █ keeper as the keeper was catching a ball near the top of the box. He stopped, but his hands touched the keeper. I gave a verbal warning and told him not to touch the keeper.

In the 42nd minute, a ball was just off net, the [REDACTED] keeper caught the ball and [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] put his shoulder on the ball to knock it free. I gave a yellow card for Unsporting Behavior.

Throughout the game the [REDACTED] bench was questioning calls. In the 59th minute I called for a penalty kick due to a tripping foul by [REDACTED] in the box. [REDACTED] scored on the penalty kick. Coach [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] kept questioning the call and said "You owe us one". I told her not another word.

In the 88th minute, [REDACTED] crossed a ball through the penalty area. The [REDACTED] keeper came out, dove for the ball and players in front of the goal were also going for the ball. Incidental contact was made with multiple players. The ball was bouncing free in the box. The keeper was down. I waited until the ball was cleared outside of the penalty area, at which time I blew the whistle. The keeper was down holding his shoulder and upper arm.

At this time, [REDACTED] ran up to me, bumped into my shoulder and was yelling at me wanting call a foul. I gave a yellow card for Dissent by Action. He started complaining. I told him not another word. He responded, "I don't give a fuck what you say." I then gave him a red card for Offensive Language. He then continued to yell at me wondering why I was letting the injured keeper choke. I went up to the keeper and called for the coaches to come out. [REDACTED] continued to yell at me as he left the field. He then sat on the sideline and raised both middle fingers at me and told me to "Fuck off" and "Suck my dick". I told Coach [REDACTED] that he needed to be removed from the field as he was on a red card and using abusive language.

After the game, Coach [REDACTED] approached me and stated that I did not have control of the game and that because fouls weren't called earlier players were injured. I reminded him that I did not have to speak to him.

Contest Date/Time: 5/26/2022, 8:15 PM

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct

Age of Teams: U17

Gender of Teams: Boys/Men

Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 89th minute [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] struck an opponent in the back of the leg with his foot after losing the ball to an opposing [REDACTED] player. Due to the distance of the ball from [REDACTED] at the time of his kick-out as well as the force used by [REDACTED], he was consequently sent off in the 89th minute for violent conduct.

After the conclusion of the game, [REDACTED], the coach of the [REDACTED] team as well as another [REDACTED] player, approached my team and in a very polite manner to raise our attention to some inappropriate language that was being used by [REDACTED] players towards [REDACTED] players. Both the coach and the player stated they heard had heard [REDACTED] players say "Fuck you pussies" towards either themselves or their players. Neither I nor my team heard any of these comments and apologized to both the coach and player for not hearing the comments. No disciplinary action was taken.

Contest Date/Time: 5/26/2022, 6:00pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U16
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In minute 65, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] went in for a challenge against another player from [REDACTED]. I blew my whistle for a foul against [REDACTED], who was laying on the ground holding his leg. He laid on the ground for approximately 20 seconds. When [REDACTED] learned that the foul was called against him, he started to get up, slammed his hand against the ground, stood up and proceeded to yell at me, "There is no fucking way I fouled him". [REDACTED] was sent off for foul/abusive language.

Contest Date/Time: 5/24/2022, 6:00PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 65' [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] tripped an opposing player as they entered the top of the Penalty Arc entering a one-on-one with the opposing goalkeeper. [REDACTED] was shown a red card for DOGSO and promptly left the field of play as instructed. Play was restarted with a direct free kick to [REDACTED] in the 66'

Contest Date/Time: 5/22/2022, 8:00AM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 64' [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] hit the ball out of the opposing goalkeeper's hands in the penalty area. [REDACTED] was promptly cautioned for Unsporting Behavior and shown a red card as this was their second yellow (having been booked earlier in the match). [REDACTED] did not leave the field of play in a hurried fashion and play would be restarted in the 66' with a direct free kick.

Contest Date/Time: 5/26/2022, 6:30pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U18
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 67 minute [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], not the goalkeeper, while standing on the goal line stopped a shot on target with his hands. He was shown a red card for DOGSO-H. He left the field without incident.

Contest Date/Time: 5/28/2022, 7:00pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U19
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 83rd min, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] used foul and abusive language directed at the referee. [REDACTED] yelled "Ref you're a fucking pussy." The referee displayed the red card and [REDACTED] left the field without further incident.

Contest Date/Time: 5/28/2022, 2:00pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U15
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In minute 24 of overtime, a player from the [REDACTED] got on a breakaway heading straight for the goal. The only player between him and the goal was the goalkeeper [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. As [REDACTED] came out of the box to challenge for the ball, the [REDACTED] player beat him, leaving an empty net and no defenders ahead of him. Immediately after [REDACTED] got beat, he kicked out his legs and tripped the [REDACTED] attacker. [REDACTED] was sent off for DOGSO.

Contest Date/Time: 5/26/2022, evening
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct
Age of Teams: Small-Sided (U12 or lower)
Gender of Teams: Unknown
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: The SRC was sent the following incident report via text message and it is summarized here. No full report was sent by the referee or the host club, only screen shots of a text message exchange.

The [REDACTED] coach was observed at halftime challenging the center referee about her offside decisions. There were only two officials for this game, so the referee was responsible for offside decisions on one side of the field. Before the start of the second half we observed the referee in tears. We reassured her that she was doing a fine job.

After the match the [REDACTED] coach again approached the referee. He became defensive and said he was "just asking a question," and she became disrespectful to him. He also claimed he was apologizing after the match.