

**April 17-23, 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: 4/23/2022, 2:30

Incident Type(s): Spectator Misconduct

Age of Teams: U15

Gender of Teams: Boys/Men

Person Reported: Unknown

Description of Reported Person: Identified himself as father of player

Report: A play occurred approximately 10 minutes in to the 2nd half where a ball was played into the front of the goal area while [REDACTED] was attacking. There was a coming together of a few bodies in pursuit of the ball but no clear foul that I could identify. An [REDACTED] player went down for a few seconds and held his head/face area but then got up and continued on. To me, it did not appear to be a serious head injury. I kept that play in the back of my mind because I wanted to ask the AR on that end if he saw something I didn't. [REDACTED] was not subbed off and continued to play the rest of the game.

At the conclusion of the match I asked both of my AR's if I may have missed something on the non-call, and neither one of them said that a foul should have been given and that I was correct to let play continue. Shortly after that the father of [REDACTED] confronted me while recording cell phone video demanding my name and referee information. I declined, telling him that referees are not obligated to provide that information and referred him back to his club. He said that his son may have suffered a concussion and that I should have stopped play. As noted earlier, the player continued to play so it seems to me that the parent should have address the coach with that potential concussion concern. At any rate, I felt a little threatened to have a cell phone thrust into my face and a parent demanding personal information. This incident spoiled what was otherwise what I would have considered a positive, well-played, fair match.