

May 29-June 4, 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.

Contest Date/Time: 5/29/2022, 2pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U13
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: ██████████

Report: In the 70th minute, ██████████ committed a charging foul against an opponent in the middle of the field. After play was stopped for the foul, ██████████ told the opposing player to "get up you fucking bitch" which resulted in him being sent off. As he was shown the red card and leaving the field, he put up both of his middle fingers for all to see.

Contest Date/Time: 5/31/2022, 7:30 PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U19
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: ██████████ (██████████ player ██████████), ██████████
██████████ (██████████ player ██████████)

Report: 66th minute, ██████████ player ██████████ tackled an opponent in a reckless manner. I cautioned him and showed him a yellow card for unsporting behavior.

78th minute, ██████████ player ██████████ disagreed with one of my calls and said I was an "idiot". I showed him a red card and sent him off for abusive language.

84th minute, ██████████ player ██████████ had a spat with an opponent and kicked him afterwards. I showed him a red card and sent him off for violent conduct. When being shown the red card, ██████████ player ██████████ grabbed it from my hand and threw it on the ground.

Editor's Note: Aggressive contact with a match official or their property is defined as Referee Assault per the US Soccer Policy Handbook and mandates an immediate suspension, with a hearing by the competition authority within 30 days. If the act is confirmed to be Referee Assault, the minimum suspension for this incident is 3 months.

Contest Date/Time: 6/1/2022, 5:30
Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct
Age of Teams: U11
Gender of Teams: Girls/Women
Person Reported: ██████████ and ██████████ dad

Report: I was yelled at by a [REDACTED] dad and was told to "take control of the game" after he came onto the field to check on his injured daughter (who was fine and playing 5 minutes later). I threatened to kick him out if he made any more comments like that to me or the other refs. I was also yelled at continuously by Coach [REDACTED] many times about different fouls and what he thought should be fouls. At one point [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] (one of my ARs) if "the referee knew what a push was." (He also made several other comments to her.) He knew both me and my AR from doing a couple soccer camps in the past with him and he still decided to treat us this way. It was unacceptable. I will now be taking a long break from centering because to me the harassment was not worth the extra pay.

Contest Date/Time: 6/1/2022, 5:15
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U16
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 15th min of the 2nd half Black [REDACTED] was unhappy with a call against him team and kicked the ball 30 yds from the spot of the foul. Caution to [REDACTED] Black for delay of game.

In the 31st min of the 2nd half Black [REDACTED] was walking by a free kick that had already been placed, and while I was yelling from 10ft away to back away Black [REDACTED] kicks the ball from its placed position. Caution to Black [REDACTED] for delay of game and then red shown to Black [REDACTED] for 2 cautions. Black [REDACTED] dismissed from pitch.

Contest Date/Time: 5/31/2022, 8:00pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U19
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 40th minute, [REDACTED] was taking a corner kick. [REDACTED] player [REDACTED] made his run into the box guarded by a [REDACTED] defender (number unknown). There was shoulder to shoulder contact and minor pushing between both players while [REDACTED] made his run into the box. After the ball was cleared out of the box, [REDACTED] turned around and kicked the [REDACTED] defender in the ankles with excessive force. Red card was given for violent conduct.

Contest Date/Time: 6/1/2022, 6:30 p.m.
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: Adult
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Report: [REDACTED] was cautioned in the 43rd minute for dissent for complaining about a foul call from 10 minutes earlier in the match after being warned to stop complaining.

Mr. [REDACTED] was issued a second caution in the 60th minute for unsporting behavior for kicking a ball that was 10 yards out of touch in his team's defensive end halfway down the field after he clearly played it last and the whistle was blown. Mr. [REDACTED] was ejected in the 60th minute for receiving a second caution.

[REDACTED] was ejected in the 64th minute for violent conduct for kicking his cleats into the chest of an opponent, [REDACTED], while on the ground. Mr. [REDACTED] retaliated by kicking Mr. [REDACTED] and was also ejected in the 64th minute for violent.

Contest Date/Time: 6/1/2022, 8:00PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U19
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 52nd minute the ball when out of play for a throw in. I heard player [REDACTED] said from 20 yards away "don't let them know you are gay". I blew my whistle and issued a red card for Abusive Language. While walking him off the field he said, it was not directed to the other team but was directed to a teammate. I told him that it did not matter. The coach for [REDACTED] met us at the half and ask what the red card was was for. I explained to him I heard player number [REDACTED] using abusive language. He then asked when what was said. I told him I could not say the word, but it was three letter word beginning with the letter G. He thanked me and when back to his bench with his player.

Contest Date/Time: 5/31/2022, 8:00pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U19
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 40th minute, [REDACTED] was taking a corner kick. [REDACTED] player [REDACTED] made his run into the box guarded by a [REDACTED] defender (number unknown). There was shoulder to shoulder contact and minor pushing between both players while [REDACTED] made his run into the box. After the ball was cleared out of the box, [REDACTED] turned around and kicked the [REDACTED] defender in the ankles with excessive force. Red card was given for violent conduct.

Contest Date/Time: 6/2/2022, 7 PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U16
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report:

4th min: [REDACTED] illegally charged a [REDACTED] attacker in a 1v2 situation about 25 yards from goal, knocking him over. A free kick was

granted to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was cautioned for Unsporting Behavior for Stopping a Promising Attack.

50th min: [REDACTED] came in late on a tackle on the spectator side of the field near midfield on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had played the ball away cleanly and advantage was played. At the next stoppage [REDACTED] was cautioned for Unsporting Behavior for a reckless challenge.

66th min: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] challenged on the ground for a 50-50 ball in the [REDACTED] goal area, with the [REDACTED] GK out of the play. [REDACTED] won the ball and scored. After the goal was given [REDACTED] stood up, stood over [REDACTED] and taunted him. [REDACTED] was sent off for Foul/Abusive Language/Gestures.

Contest Date/Time: 6/2/2022, 8:30pm

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct

Age of Teams: Adult

Gender of Teams: Boys/Men

Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 56th minute of play, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) committed a sliding challenge near his defensive goal line (in front of AR1) on an attacker crossing the ball to goal that was late, from distance with speed, leg locked and studs exposed making direct contact on opponent's upper ankle with excessive force. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] was shown a red card and sent off for serious foul play. After appearing to be leaving the vicinity play was resumed, but had to be stopped roughly 5 minutes later as it became apparent he had not left. Play was once again restarted after a brief pause until it was confirmed he had left the playing area.

Immediately after the match, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] confronted the officiating crew and demanded the referee give his name to report to the league. All officials subsequently walked away and left the field with no further incidents taking place.

Contest Date/Time: 6/4/2022, 1 PM

Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct

Age of Teams: U10

Gender of Teams: Girls/Women

Person Reported: Shakopee head coach

Note: Report filed by mentor

Report: Lone ref was [REDACTED]. I was on site as a mentor and arrived at game with 10-15 mins left in game.

After game [REDACTED] coach approached ref and stated "...you need to blow your whistle"

Background - when I arrived at game, tournament host [REDACTED] President, [REDACTED] introduced himself and told me earlier in the game several [REDACTED] parents were acting irresponsible and he had to address their behavior with them, and that the ref was shaken by the situation.

After ref finished the game ref broke into tears leaving the field and was crying as the [REDACTED] coach told her she needed to blow her whistle.

Contest Date/Time: 6/4/2022, 2:00pm
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: Adult
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 90th minute of the match, [REDACTED] was standing on the goal line and blocked a shot with his arm, extended away from his body. The keeper was on the other side of the goal and did not have any opportunity to make a save. [REDACTED] was subsequently sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by handling and a penalty kick was awarded to [REDACTED].

Contest Date/Time: 6/4/2022, 2:40PM
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
Age of Teams: U17
Gender of Teams: Boys/Men
Person Reported: [REDACTED]

Report: In the 80' [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] retaliated to a shoulder-to-shoulder challenge with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] by elbowing [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] in the lower neck area with excessive force striking the opposing player. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] was promptly sent off and left the field of play in a timely manner. Play was restarted with a direct freekick to [REDACTED] in the 82' with no further incidents occurring.