

## September 18-September 24, 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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DATE OF CONTEST: 9/18/2022, 3:30 pm

AGE/GENDER: U14 Girls

Incident Type(s): Spectator Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): [REDACTED] Parent (Male)

MATCH REPORT: During play, my AR signaled for a hand ball call right in front of the [REDACTED] bench. I whistled for the hand ball call as I also saw the same hand ball foul where the [REDACTED] player stuck her arm out wide to play the ball off her forearm to herself gaining an advantage. A [REDACTED] parent proceeded to yell at me from the parent side far away from the play. He first stated why didn't the other "hand ball" get called which he believed occurred on the opposing team just moments prior where a ball was kicked towards the face of an opposing player who shielded her face with both forearms to protect her face from the ball which I didn't call a handball as he thought I should have. He then stated it the call against Wright County was incidental contact and that I clearly don't know and needed to learn the rules about hand balls.

I looked at to identify who the individual [REDACTED] Parent was yelling from the other side but did not engage verbally. I held the restart to talk to the [REDACTED] Coach about my concern for her parents' behavior. I explained by call and the previous no call to her which she had no issue with and asked who the parent was which I pointed out. I let her know that if he says anything else derogatory towards myself or my ARs that I'd need her to go over to him and have him leave.

The game continued without any further incident and was a great hard played 2-1 clean and positive game by both teams, coaches, and parents (with this one parent exception).

Following the game, he crossed the field to talk to me. He apologized for distracting from the game which he admitted he should not have done. I let him know I appreciated his apology for that and explained my calls he disagreed with stating it was "what both myself and my AR saw" and acknowledging he may have seen it different since he was so far away. He asked if I knew the new rules about hand balls which I stated I did and again the rule and how I believed my call was correct per the new rules. I calmly told him he was wrong about the rules and out of line with his statement about me not knowing the rules which he then disagreed with and again stated I was wrong and didn't know the rules.

I asked him if he was a ref since he was taking such inappropriate issue including coming across the field to that I didn't know the rules. He stated he was not a ref but had played soccer through college. I'm not sure the relevance of that but he obviously felt it was important. Seeing this conversation was going nowhere, I politely thanked him for his apology and he went over to talk to the [REDACTED] coach and my ref crew packed up and left the field without further incident.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 9/24/2022, 4:30 pm

AGE/GENDER: U14 Boys

Incident Type(s): Spectator Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): [REDACTED] (parent)

MATCH REPORT: After the game ended AR2 approached me and indicated that a parent had been criticizing his calls as well as generally harassing him. When I asked to have the person pointed out, we turned and my AR pointed to a man that was approaching us. I asked the man ([REDACTED]) what was going on and he claimed to have not said much of anything but he was unhappy with a non-call (I think from the first half) and told me I needed to do a better job. Although the game was over I told him he was dismissed from the game and he yelled at me a little more before storming away. I identified his team affiliation, approached the team manager to get his name, and let them as well as the coach know that a report would be submitted. It is important to note that the individual mixed into the opposing team's parents in order to harangue the AR. If necessary there are several first hand witnesses that could be contacted for additional information.