

## October 2-8, 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: 10/1/2022, 6:15 pm

AGE/GENDER: U10 Girls

Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: Irresponsible behavior. Dissent by word. In the 50th minute Coach [REDACTED] yelled loudly and directly at me believing his team was entitled to a call. His player fell down but there was no foul on the play. Given my proximity to both the play and the offending coach, the behavior was excessively public, personal, and provocative. Yellow card shown.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 10/2/2022, 1:00 pm

AGE/GENDER: U14 Boys

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], was sent off for a second caution. He received the first caution for handling; the second caution was for fouling an attacking player, stopping a promising attack.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 10/2/2022, 2:50 pm

AGE/GENDER: U12 Boys

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct, Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and a woman wearing a red sweatshirt who was supporting [REDACTED]

MATCH REPORT: In the first 10 minutes of the game, the [REDACTED] parents were yelling a lot at their players and multiple times at me as the center referee for calls. Most of the things they were yelling about were completely incorrect. At halftime, I was informed by my AR2 ([REDACTED]) that he had warned the parents of the possibility of removing them if they continued to yell at me. For the next 20 minutes, there was little said to me, but the [REDACTED] parents continued to yell a lot at their players. One of the most consistent people to do this was a woman in a red sweatshirt.

During the first half of the game, [REDACTED] scored, and [REDACTED] was awarded a penalty kick, which they converted. There was little dissent during the second part of the first half. At half time, I talked with my ARs about the parent behavior and told the AR2 to let me know if there were problems.

In the 42nd minute of the game, an attacking play for [REDACTED] was called offside in the box. When the offside call was made, the parents erupted in disagreement, and the coach started complaining too. During the same play, a player from [REDACTED] was injured and the coach from [REDACTED] was asked to come onto the field to tend to him. He came onto the field asking for a number for

the player that was offside. I told him I couldn't give him an exact number as I didn't make the call and he demanded I ask the AR for the number. He continued to make numerous comments as he walked to his player. He was more interested in arguing with me than tending to his player. I told him I was not going to find out the exact number and as he walked off of the field with the injured player, I asked him to go and talk to the parents.

Once he brought the injured player off of the field, he didn't immediately turn around to go to the parents and had to be asked again. As he started to cross the field, he continued to argue and then demanded to be told who he needed to talk to. I told him he needed to confront the entire side of [REDACTED] parents as they were all causing a problem. He asked this same question three more times and I eventually told him to start by warning the woman in the red sweatshirt as he would not listen to me. He eventually made it to the sideline in which he made a very short statement and then started to return to his sideline. As he neared his sideline, he went back to complaining about the offside call and at this point coach [REDACTED] was cautioned for dissent.

Play restarted in the 45th minute and continued until the 55th minute when [REDACTED] scored making the score 2-1. There was no infraction in the scoring of the goal, but as we returned to the centerline, the coach stood on the sideline with his hands high in the air. He claimed the goalie had possession of the ball, but the goalie had just saved the ball and went to an [REDACTED] player who tapped it in. I told him there was nothing there and at this point, my AR2 called me over for problems with the parents. He told me that multiple parents had sworn at me, and he could specifically point out that the woman in the red sweatshirt had said "You f\*cking cheating ref!"

I asked the coach to have the parent leave, but he was more interested in arguing with me. After asking him several times to make the woman leave, the woman stood up and said she was going to leave. The coach started to walk back to the sideline but continued to make comments about how bad I was, how wrong my decisions were, and how unprofessional I was. At this point, coach [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] was red carded in the 59th minute for dissent. With only 15 seconds left in the game, the coach told his team to leave the field and the game ended.

As I walked off the field with my ARs and greeted the incoming ARs for the next game, the coach from [REDACTED] continue to talk to people on the coach sideline. As the referees gathered on the sideline, number [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] shouted "Go f\*ck yourself, ref!!" One of my ARs was able to identify who said it and number [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) was shown a red card for foul language. The coach immediately claimed that he hadn't said anything, but I told him he needed to leave.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 10/2/2022, 2:30 pm

AGE/GENDER: U14 Boys

Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: 5th minute: PVU scores first goal of the match.

7th minute: PVU attack results in ball crossing the Eden Prairie goal line 15 yards right of the goal. Both AR2 Campbell Koch and I signal for a goal kick. Coach Ocampo dissents yelling across the field and displays his

disagreement. I responded by telling him the AR signaled for a goal kick and instructed him to sit down. Remainder of first half: No officials had an interaction with the Coach Ocampo.

Post-game: Coach [REDACTED] walks on to the field to about 2-3 yards near the halfway line on the AR1 side and confronts me. Coach [REDACTED] makes the following statements showing dissent. "You need to respect me"  
I responded I respect him and I asked him if he would like to have a conversation. Coach [REDACTED] was not willing to have a conversation and instead made the following statements among other comments I do not remember.

"How old are you"?

"You think you are the king"

He ended his confrontation by mouthing (not saying out loud) the words "Fuck you" and turned and walked away.

I called out to Coach [REDACTED] 3 times addressing him as coach to issue him a red card. He did not turn around and kept walking away without turning around or responding. I issued the red card, returned to the sidelines and began writing notes for the ejection report.