

April 23-29, 2023

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.

DATE OF CONTEST: 4/27/2023, 7:30 PM
AGE/GENDER: U16 Boys
INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player, Spectator Misconduct
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MATCH REPORT: In the 52nd minute, [REDACTED], committed a tackle with excessive force that endangered the safety of the opponent and was shown a red card for Serious Foul Play. Contact was studs to shin from close distance, knee locked, with great speed.

In the 58th minute, AR1 called me over to notify me of an act of violent conduct unseen by the referee on [REDACTED], for a donkey kick to the shins of a defender behind him. He was shown a red card.

In the 58th minute, Unknown [REDACTED] Parent was dismissed by the coach of [REDACTED] for a very public and provocative statement heard on the far side of the field. He left without further incident. [REDACTED] coach was asked to speak to the rest of his parents, who were starting to make more and more comments about the crew. After arguing with me, he did do that.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 4/29/2023, 6:30 PM
AGE/GENDER: U17 Boys
INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player, Coach Misconduct
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): [REDACTED]

MATCH REPORT: In the 63rd minute [REDACTED] scored and [REDACTED] wanted an offside call. The coach traveled down the touch line to yell at the AR1 for this call. After recording the score, I talked to the AR and he had already warned the coach about dissent earlier in the game. The coach was cautioned for dissent at this point and told he needed to stop making comments immediately.

In the 64th minute, play was restarted for 15 seconds, and then halted due to additional complaints about the offside call, fairness, etc. The coach was then red-carded for dissent. He proceeded to take 3 min to leave the team side of the field. Play was then restarted, but again halted in the 67th minute as the coach had chosen to stand on the parent's sideline. He was told again that he needed to be in his car or play would be stopped, and after continuing to make comments he eventually went to his car in the 69th minute.