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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: 3/11/2023, 8:20 PM

AGE/GENDER: U11 Girls

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Spectator Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): Parents from █████

MATCH REPORT: In the 20th minute of the 2nd half, I cautioned #███ of █████ for persistent offenses.

Approximately in the 25th minute a █████ player crossed the ball, I was watching where the ball went, an incident happened behind me and the #30 of █████ got injured. I didn't realize she got injured until she started walking towards her coach. As soon as I saw her I stopped the game, and I gave a drop ball for █████ because they were in possession of the ball when the incident occurred.

One of the █████ players kicked the ball out of play, so I gave a throw in for █████, then all of a sudden one of the █████ parents yelled out "give a fucking yellow card. Why ain't that a foul"? One of the █████ parents smacked the tarp, and one of the █████ players walked off the field crying and saying "I can't play anymore". I stopped the game, called both coaches over to tell the parents to calm down.

I talked with the █████ coach after the game about the incident and apologized for not seeing it. As I was talking to the coach one of the parents came over and said "you did a fucking horrible job, your job is to keep the players safe, not to injure them". As I was walking away from the coach, the same parent yelled "I am sorry, but it was your fucking fault". My mom was with me, and as we were walking out she noticed that he kept staring at me, even turning his head sideways while walking to stare at me.