

May 14-20, 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: 5/14/2023, 4:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: Adult Men

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Spectator Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): Unknown Spectator

MATCH REPORT: In the 57th min, a spectator from [REDACTED] was removed for use of foul and abusive language directed at the AR1. A spectator left the league's designated spectator area, crossed the running track at the stadium, and walked down to the corner flag. At the taking of a corner kick for the opponent, the spectator was standing approximately 5-10 feet behind the AR1 and began chirping at the corner kicker taker. The AR1 informed the referee that the spectator would need to return to the stands and the referee solicited the help of the [REDACTED] coach. While on his way back to the spectator area, the spectator used foul and abusive language to describe the AR1 and was heard by the referee. The referee then informed the [REDACTED] coach and team manager that the spectator needed to leave the vicinity of the field. The [REDACTED] staff quickly escorted the spectator to the parking lot and play resumed without an additional delay.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/11/2023, 7:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: U17 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Spectator Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): [REDACTED] male spectator (age 30-40's range)

MATCH REPORT: AR1 called a few offsides against [REDACTED] in 2nd half. The [REDACTED] spectator started publicly (loud enough to hear across the field) heckling that they were bad offside calls and that I (the referee) can override the AR. After the third time, I stopped the game in the 42nd min of second half and asked [REDACTED] coach to remove the spectator. The game resumed after the spectator left the field.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/17/2023, 7:30 PM

AGE/GENDER: U16 Girls

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct, Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): [REDACTED] (player), [REDACTED] (coach), [REDACTED] (player), [REDACTED] parents

MATCH REPORT: [REDACTED] player [REDACTED] () cautioned for unsporting behavior at the 46th minute due to a reckless collision with the keeper. She was sent off for offensive language at the 81st minute. [REDACTED] was calling for her teammates to foul the opposing players and was cautioned for unsporting behavior at the 84th minute. [REDACTED] coach [REDACTED] was cautioned at the 81st minute for dissent due to repeated requests for explanation of calls, calling for fouls, and public disagreement with referee decisions. [REDACTED] parents

expressed dissent and unsporting behavior by calling for their players to foul the opponents throughout the game.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/19/2023, 8:15 PM

AGE/GENDER: U17 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: In the 78th minute number [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was issued a yellow card for late trip from behind.

In the 90th minute [REDACTED] knocked the ball away after being called offsides. He received his second yellow card. I then showed him the red card and he walked off the field without any issue.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/20/2023, 2:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: U17 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: I was working in the AR1 position for a match between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] U17 boys.

Midway through the first half, AR2 and Referee made a penalty kick decision in favor of [REDACTED]'s # [REDACTED], [REDACTED] who was fouled by [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], in the box while making an attacking run towards goal. # [REDACTED] and # [REDACTED] came chest to chest and a pushing match occurred, with multiple other team members coming to pull them apart. No violent conduct was observed and cautions were issued to both # [REDACTED] and # [REDACTED] for unsporting behavior.

On multiple occasions during the match, I reminded both players of their yellow card status as they continued to taunt each other and talk back and forth.

In approximately the 83rd minute of play, the referee awarded a free kick to [REDACTED] near the edge of their attacking penalty area. [REDACTED] scored from this free kick and the ball was brought to the center circle for restart. [REDACTED] Coach [REDACTED] could be heard yelling "thanks for the assist ref" directed at the referee for awarding the free kick prior to the goal. [REDACTED] was shown a yellow card for dissent. While this was occurring, # [REDACTED] and # [REDACTED], were talking back and forth and another shoving match broke out in the center circle where both players had to be separated. # [REDACTED] was cautioned for unsporting behavior and # [REDACTED] was cautioned for the same. This was # [REDACTED]'s second caution and he was shown a red card, ejecting him from the match.

While on the bench, # [REDACTED] continued yelling at the other team and berating me for assisting in the previous decisions. I explained he could be suspended further if he continued his taunting and dissent. He stopped, but told me members of the [REDACTED] team had told him they "hope you die alone."