

April 30-May 6, 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: 5/1/2023, 7:30 PM

AGE/GENDER: U13 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Coach Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: In the 65th Minute, I called a PK. There was a slide tackle in the penalty area by a [REDACTED] player, taking out the legs of a [REDACTED] player. The [REDACTED] coach went ballistic, saying he got "all ball." We took the PK, which [REDACTED] scored on. The coach continued to express his displeasure by yelling at me. I walked over and explained to the coach that his player used excessive force to commit the foul. He then started to use vulgar, and offensive language toward me. I showed him a yellow card. I asked him to stop, and he persisted. I then showed him a red card and asked him to leave.

It took about 5 minutes for the coach to finally start to leave. He made it halfway across another field towards the parking lot, and he yelled, "I'll be waiting for you in the parking lot." A manager came to the player side so that we could continue the game. I then restarted the match.

At the end of the game the coach came back to the field, only to continue to continue his rant on how I made a bad call, and this was "the the worst game he has ever seen reffed." I told him he needed to leave and he refused with a comment of "FUCK YOU, you can't make me leave now."

I gathered my things and headed toward the parking lot with the coach in tail. At one point we exchanged foul language and he got into my face. At that moment, parents stepped in to separate us. I immediately called the local police 911, and had an officer dispatched to the location. The officer took my statement and I filed a report.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 4/29/2023, 3:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: U12 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Coach Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: When the home team ([REDACTED]) was up about 5-0 around the 20th minute, the away team ([REDACTED]) had a throw-in. The throw-in was fine as the AR1 and I agreed. However, the home team coach yelled something along the lines of, "Illegal! Illegal! Illegal! Referee! You have to call that!" This went on for about 30 seconds until the ball went out of play. I whistled to pause the game and went to the home team coach to calm him down. I also told him it was his warning as he was directly dissenting to the referee crew. I told the coach that if this were to happen again, I would have to caution him.

A few minutes later, the same thing with the away team's throw-in situation happened again. I confirmed with the AR1 that the throw-in was legal, but the

home team coach kept repeating something along the lines of, "Illegal! Illegal! Illegal!"

In the second half, the away team's throw-in situation happened 2-3 more times with everything being generally the same as the home team coach argued about a legal throw-in.

The next event occurred around the 45th minute when the away team goalkeeper was hurt after he picked up the ball and collided with a home team attacker, but there was no foul. I whistled to pause the game as the away team goalkeeper needed a substitution due to an injury. Once a new away team goalkeeper substituted in, the play would resume with a drop ball for the away team as they had possession of the ball last.

However, the home team coach yelled and repeated (around the 46th minute), "Referee! I am going to report you if you don't give the kick to us!" He also mentioned that he was going to get me fired. I went over to the AR2, and then the AR1 to make sure that the call should have been a drop ball for the away team and made sure that the crew agreed on cautioning the home team coach. I cautioned the coach and told him to stop with the dissent, or he would be sent off.

The home team coach stormed across the field as I was walking back to resume the play. I calmly told the coach to walk around the pitch, but he didn't. The situation was so odd that the referee crew didn't know what to do. We didn't even know where the home coach went. There was still a home team manager on the bench so play was resumed, and the home team coach returned about ten minutes later.

In the 55th minute, a home team attacker was cleanly tackled by an away team defender in their box, so there was no penalty. However, the home team coach kept saying that he was going to report and try to get me fired (55th minute). He said something along the lines of, "This is not a threat, this is a warning!" I later confirmed with the AR2 that there was no penalty. That was the last of the dissent from the match as the home team ended up winning 11-0.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/6/2023, 7:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: Men

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: 70 minutes into the match I cautioned [REDACTED] for dissent. After the final whistle, [REDACTED] approached the referees in the center circle. After shaking AR2's hand, he told me I was fucking pathetic. I sent him off for foul and abusive language. After I issued the red card, he turned and extended his middle finger to me. He left the field without further incident.