

**May 7-13, 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.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/7/2023, 9:45 AM

AGE/GENDER: U16 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Spectator/Player Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): Unknown [REDACTED] parent,  
[REDACTED] goalkeeper

MATCH REPORT: In the 60th minute of a game tied 1-1, [REDACTED] was awarded a penalty kick of a careless foul in the penalty area. The penalty kick was taken and saved by the [REDACTED] goalkeeper. The AR2 raised his flag to indicate the goalkeeper did not have a foot on the line when the ball was kicked and the kick was saved by the goalkeeper. The [REDACTED] goalkeeper, who had previously been cautioned for a reckless foul in the first half, spiked the ball into the ground and the ball flew at least 10 feet into the air. The referee issued a caution for dissent and a red card for a second cautionable offense.

After the red card was issued but before the penalty retake, a spectator for [REDACTED] used foul and abusive language directed at AR2. AR2 informed the referee that the spectator in the stadium stands had yelled profanities directed at him. The referee collected both coaches at midfield between the technical areas, and let them know that the spectator needed leave and the game would not restart until the spectator had left.

The [REDACTED] coach sent a substitute across the field to inform the spectator to leave. The spectator refused to comply, continued to argue and remonstrate with the AR2, and eventually slowly moved to the outer stadium fence. The referee informed the [REDACTED] manager, who was on the spectator side of the stadium, that the spectator needed to leave the vicinity of the field (i.e out of sight and out of earshot) and the [REDACTED] manager escorted the spectator to the parking lot. Play was restarted after a five minutes delay. No further incidents occurred during or after the game.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/7/2023, 5:45 PM

AGE/GENDER: U19 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: Player [REDACTED] was cautioned for unsporting behavior, committing a foul with reckless force, in the 23rd min. He was given a second caution for unsporting behavior and sent off for a second bookable offense for stopping a promising attack in the 61st min.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/6/2023, 3:30 PM

AGE/GENDER: U15 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: After the end of the game, which ██████████ won 4-2, ██████████, #█████ kicked the ball as hard as he could, which bounced on pavement and ended in a playground about 90 yards away. I said that the game ball was my responsibility and he needed to go get it. As he was walking to get the ball he turned to me and said "don't be such a bitch". I replied that "that could be a card". As he continued to walk to get the ball, he turned to me and repeated "don't be such a bitch" four more times. I got the coach's attention as I was showing the red card for offensive, insulting and abusive language. After the card neither the player nor the coach made any comment.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/6/2023, 1:15 PM

AGE/GENDER: U19 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: In the 40<sup>th</sup> minute, #█████ ██████████ denied an obvious goal scoring opportunity by holding an opponent. He was sent off for a DOGSO infraction.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/8/2023, 5:30 PM

AGE/GENDER: U14 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): ██████ u11G Coach ██████ and parent to a U14B

MATCH REPORT: No AR's for the game. Had ██████ Boys coach request a parent to flag when the ball went out of bounds. A parent indicated their husband who is an ██████ coach would do it when he arrived. Parent arrived just before game time, I instructed to only flag when ball went out of bounds, I would make all other calls.

Parent brought flag back to me after game - as he handed me the flag he said "that goal was off sides". When I inquired what he was talking about he stated the Salvo goal was offside and I should have not allowed it and that I called it wrong. He made comment that I didn't referee the game well, when I inquired what team he was a coach for (as I knew he was a coach) he declined at first to answer. ██████ coach told the parent to walk away, he stated the was going to report me to the ██████ Board as I was a bad referee. I notified him I would do the same for his behavior and comments.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/8/2023, 6:30 PM

AGE/GENDER: Adult Men

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: [REDACTED] (# [REDACTED]) was sent off in the 80th minute for offensive language. [REDACTED] was very upset about my decision to not call a foul on a certain play. He followed me around yelling about the call for 10 seconds straight, all in a loud, public, provocative manner. He then became so upset that he yelled at me very loudly "HE GOT HIT IN HIS FUCKING FACE". I had given the player an opportunity to cool down while play continued on, but due to the extended public dissent as well as the personal nature he was directly offensive language at me, I sent him off for offensive language.

[REDACTED] (# [REDACTED]) was issued a caution in the 60th minute for unsporting behavior for stopping a promising attack just outside the penalty area. He was issued a second caution for unsporting behavior and sent off for a second bookable offense in the 91st minute for stopping a promising attack, fouling an opponent gotten by him on a breakaway just past the halfway line.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/9/2023, 6:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: U18 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Coach Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: At halftime my AR1 informed me that [REDACTED] had kicked a ball into his bench in anger in response to a call I made on the field. [REDACTED] was informed not to do this again. In the 70th minute AR1 called me over when the ball went out for a corner kick. He informed me that about 10 minutes previously [REDACTED] had thrown his hands in the air and exclaimed "What the fuck was that" in response to a call made on the field. AR1 informed [REDACTED] not to do this again. I was called over because in response to another call on the field, [REDACTED] turned to his bench and exclaimed to his players "These refs don't know what the fuck they are doing." [REDACTED] was then shown a Red Card for Abusive Language. He and his assistant [REDACTED] argued the discipline for 20 seconds until he then began to walk away. Play was restarted. Approximately 2 minutes later I noticed [REDACTED] had joined the spectators, and I informed him that he needed to leave the complex. He then left without further incident.

After the game [REDACTED] came back to the field to interact with his team. He did not attempt to interact with the officials. His assistant coach [REDACTED] came up to the officials after the game and said "I would like to have a respectful conversation". He was curious as to why [REDACTED] was sent off. I then informed [REDACTED] the reasons for why [REDACTED] was ejected. [REDACTED] proceeded to argue with me as to why [REDACTED] was ejected. I told [REDACTED] that I had informed him of the reasons for the ejection and that he should now leave. I pointed away to signify he needed to leave. [REDACTED] said "This is my home field I'm not going anywhere" and proceeded to stand in the same location. I informed [REDACTED] that if he did not leave, he would receive a red card himself. [REDACTED] then said "Well, fuck you". He was then shown a Red Card for Abusive Language. After about 10 seconds of him standing and staring at me after the delivery of the card [REDACTED] left without further incident.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/8/2023, 5:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: U16 Girls

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Spectator Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: Early in the first half, the parent made a loud, very public, and personal comment accusing me of being biased toward [REDACTED]. Something along the lines of "I know you were fraternizing with them before the game, but you don't need to make your bias so obvious."

I decided to ask the [REDACTED] coach, [REDACTED], to go over to the spectator's side of the field and ask the parent to leave the vicinity. During the second half, I saw that he had encroached closer, now standing on the grass to the south of the field and in line with the playing surface. I had to pause the game to again ask Coach [REDACTED] to ask the parent to move.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/11/2023, 6:00 PM

AGE/GENDER: U13 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Coach Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: In the first half the coach began arguing after a foul called on his team and I told him he needed to stop. Early in the 2nd half he began arguing about another foul called on his team and when he wouldn't stop I cautioned him. Shortly after he began yet again complaining about a foul called on his team and when he would not stop I issued a 2nd caution and then the red card and dismissed him. The game restarted after he left the field of play and was out of sight. After the game when people began to leave I observed him walking back to the field from the parking lot.

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DATE OF CONTEST: 5/10/2023, 7:40 PM

AGE/GENDER: U14 Boys

INCIDENT TYPE(S): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: At the 63rd minute player # [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] was issued a red card for serious foul play. # [REDACTED] lost control of the ball to his opponent and the opponent proceeded to run towards the [REDACTED] goal. # [REDACTED] immediately gave chase, running at full speed, and did a slide tackle from directly behind his opponent. # [REDACTED] used excessive force on the play that resulted in the opponent's legs both being struck and the player falling to the ground. # [REDACTED] was sent off and, once cleared from the field, play resumed with no further incidents.