

July 24-30, 2022

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: 7/24/2022, 10:00 am

AGE/GENDER: Adult Men

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: At the 90th minutes, in front [REDACTED] bench [REDACTED] moving the ball up the line, [REDACTED] challenged for the ball and threw an elbow at the face of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] came off his bench and grabbed [REDACTED] in the throat. The foul was called and a red was issued all three players.

While issue the cards to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] team, [REDACTED] went over to the center of the field and started talking trash to the [REDACTED] team. While I was pushing [REDACTED] toward his bench, [REDACTED] punched [REDACTED] in the face. [REDACTED] went after [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] went after [REDACTED] punching and kicking him. [REDACTED] was on top of [REDACTED]. My AR tried to separate them but couldn't, with the flag in hand he started to tap the back of [REDACTED] to get them separated. [REDACTED] did walk to the car after being punched and kicked.

Date of Contest: 7/22/2022, 7:25pm

Age/Gender: U19 Boys

Incident Type(s) : Coach Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: In the 90+ min., the referee called the [REDACTED] staff on field to tend an injured player. [REDACTED] was the assistant coach and entered the field of play. While attending to his player, [REDACTED] dissented the referee's decision to not award a foul for his team on several occasions in a frustrated manner. After being asked to assist his player off the field, [REDACTED] loudly, publicly, and forcefully dissented the referee again. At this point, [REDACTED] was shown the red card for entering the field of play to dissent with a match official. After the red card was displayed, [REDACTED] did not cause further incident on the field.

However, at least 10 minutes after the game ended, the players/teams/parents had dispersed to their vehicles and were leaving the facility, [REDACTED] approached the referee on his way to his vehicle to continue the discussion and asked the referee to write up the red card as a yellow card instead so that he could coach his team in their next game. Despite the discussion being (mostly) polite, the sent-off coach confronted the referee after the match.

Date of Contest: 7/28/22, 8:30 pm

Age/Gender: Adult Men

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct

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

MATCH REPORT: In the 72nd minute following a kickoff infraction in which a [REDACTED] player received the ball from the opponent's half of the field in which they were in prior to the kick being taken, I signaled for an indirect free kick at the point of the infraction. The [REDACTED] players protested the decision arguing they are allowed to be in the opponent's half. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] threw the ball at me. [REDACTED] was promptly shown a red card and sent off for referee assault. Play was restarted in the 73rd with the initial indirect freekick for [REDACTED].

Note: I recognize my error in awarding an indirect free kick for the kick-off infraction. Law 8 clearly stipulates that the only infraction in which an indirect freekick shall result is for a double touch and all other infractions result in a retake. This play should have been restarted with a retaking of the kickoff.