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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: 7/17/22, 4 pm
AGE/GENDER: Adult Men
Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF REPORTED PERSON(S): ██████████ Goalie

MATCH REPORT: A through ball was sent towards the goal about 5 yards outside of the penalty area. The ██████████ attacking player and ██████████ goalie both sprinted for the ball. The ██████████ attacker beat the goalie to the ball and took a touch around him. The goalie missed the ball and ran into the attacking player, resulting in a foul that stopped the potential goal scoring attack. Since the goalie was the last defender, a red card was shown for denial of a goal scoring opportunity.

DATE OF CONTEST: 07/15/2022, 11:45 am
AGE/GENDER: U10 Boys
Incident Type(s): Spectator Misconduct
Name or Description of Reported Person(s): ██████████ Parent

MATCH REPORT: I was waiting for my next match, was watching a very entertaining and heated u10 boys match. Game was tied at the end of regulation and then both teams proceeded to score during the overtime periods. During the game both sides parents were very vocal. Both cheering for their clubs, as well as expressing their views of the ref's calls. From my vantage, I felt that the ref called a fine game. Was fair both ways.

The game went to a Kicks from the mark where the team from ██████████ proceeded to register 3 goals to ██████████ 2 goals. After the game I noticed that the ref was looking at the game card and was unsure on how to record the match. I walked over to lend a hand. When I arrived, she was in tears and visibly upset. She was unsure on how to record the match and upset at the comments from the parents and coaches.

I helped her record the score and was attempting to help ensure her confidence when a parent from the ██████████ delegation (Old white haired man) walked up to us and proceeded to state "I have something to say to you, I want you to know that YOU determined the outcome of that game NOT the kids." I then proceed to sort of come unglued on the parent, informing him he had NO business ever talking to a ref after the game and to return to the other parents. I ensured that I was loud enough that the ██████████ coaches (who I was not sure of at that time) could hear they had a parent that was out of line.

I then returned to the Ref (now fully in tears and beyond upset) to try to calm her down. The ██████████ coach then came over to apologize for anything from his parents during the game and to assure her she did a fine. Shortly after the ██████████ coach and club director came over to also apologize. At that point I had to now get to my game to ref, I later heard that she was so upset

that her mom had to come and pick her up as her mom did not want her driving home that upset. Sad that a first year ref had to endure that sort of attack from a u10 game.

DATE OF CONTEST: 07/16/2022, 8:25 am

AGE/GENDER: U15 Girls

Incident Type(s): Coach Misconduct, Spectator Misconduct, Player Misconduct

Name or Description of Reported Person(s): [REDACTED] Head Coach, players and parents

MATCH REPORT: Blast scored an early goal due to a foul called by the referee... this is where it starts to go downhill. The players start to yell at me (AR) for call they don't agree with. Not like major game-changing calls, like throw-ins. For example, [REDACTED] kicked the ball, the ball came towards me and hit me in the hip which caused me to close my eyes. The last thing I remembered was [REDACTED] kicking the ball, so I called a [REDACTED] throw-in. The left side [REDACTED] defender looked at me and yelled at me that it came off the [REDACTED] player's foot.

The [REDACTED] coach yelled at me and the referee for just about every throw-in or foul he thought should be called. Halfway through the first half, [REDACTED] scored a goal. In celebration the [REDACTED] coach ran on to the field to celebrate. I told him to get off the field because he did not have permission. I know this would qualify for a yellow card, but it had been a very long week, and the constant berating by the [REDACTED] coach and the spectators (a female coach on the [REDACTED] bench and a young boy). I was very upset and not thinking straight.

During the 30-35th minute I had enough and said something I shouldn't have because it was unprofessional of me. After an entire half of constant berating by the [REDACTED] team, I told the coach, "Coach, you and your players need to stop yelling at me. You are also not allowed to step on the field without permission. Next time you do you're going to get a f*cking card."

Not even saying that got them to stop berating me for the last 10 minutes of the game. At this point I was crying on the field, trying to make it through the half. At half I told the referee what was going on. HQ was called and I was taken off the game.

DATE OF CONTEST: 07/21/2022, 8:35 PM

AGE/GENDER: Adult Men

Incident Type(s): Player Misconduct

Name or Description of Reported Person(s): [REDACTED]

Match Report: In the 63rd minute of the match, number [REDACTED] for [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED], was issued a red card for abusive and foul language for telling me "Fuck You" after committing a holding challenge on an attacking [REDACTED] player. [REDACTED] left the field in a timely manner. Play was restarted with a direct free kick for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] remained in the technical area for the remainder of the match and caused no further incident during the match.

After the match, [REDACTED] approached the referee crew and began a respectful conversation about how long his suspension would be. As the conversation continued, [REDACTED] shifted the conversation back to the red card incident. [REDACTED] stated to me that, "You cannot play God" and "I want you to feel a little bad about the decision you made". Upon me leaving to go to my car he then stated to me that "Oh now you cannot handle when I use the pronoun 'you'". I left the field with no further incident.