

WEEK 1

August 24, 2023 to August 27, 2023

Girls Varsity

This is what was submitted to MSHSL. I don't think I get a response from MSHSL but the issue is likely to recur with [TEAM 1]. After the game, an internet search shows there is a "folk remedy" of a piercing in the ear cartilage to help with migraine headaches. Were we wrong to let her play without a letter from MSHSL? Does this open the door to anyone claiming "medical" to wear jewelry covered with tape?

Prior to the start of the match, the officials noted one of the [TEAM 1] players had tape in her ears - typical of when a player is attempting to cover jewelry. The player claimed she could not remove the tape or whatever was under it. The coach claimed it had never been an issue. From an officials perspective, "no jewelry" is standard and players must remove it or not play.

While we were showing the coach the rule in the official NFHS rule book - 4-3-2 that says no jewelry, it was mentioned that it was a "migraine headache" earring. The athletic trainer noted she has heard of this but that it's not a standard medical practice.

Once the word "medical" had been invoked, the officials were in the awkward position allowing the player to play since the device (which we could not see) was covered with tape.

We suggest the team have a letter from the MSHSL or a doctor showing this is a medical device to avoid issues in future games.

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in the 77th min , the assistant coach (*****) was sent off irresponsible behavior when he publicly dissented my calls.

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[TEAM 1] GK received a yellow card for delay of game. He had already been warned once. GK was aggressively arguing the card and I requested that the coach sub him so he doesn't get

another card. Coach agreed. As the GK was walking off past me he, he said - "learn your fucking rules ref." Red card.

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After the match multiple male adult fans of [TEAM 2], likely parents, approached the ref crew to complain about the match.

Two approached all three of us and asked if they could ask a question. They proceeded to complain that we allegedly allowed [TEAM 1] (mainly one specific player) to repeatedly elbow [TEAM 2] players. I responded that it was not elbowing - it was fair shoulder-to-shoulder challenges. The St. Francis player in question was much larger and just stronger than the [TEAM 2] players. The fans began to argue and we told them that was the end of the conversation.

As [the other official] and I were walking to our cars, two other adult males separately approached us to argue about what they perceived as poor reffing. We told both that we would not discuss calls and they could take any concerns to the [TEAM 2] athletic director. The last one was very aggressive.

I did not report this to MSHSL because it was not a MSHSL match - it was a MACS (Minnesota Association of Christian Schools) match.

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In approximately the 70th minute, a challenge was made by AR2. Both AR2 and I were able to intervene, but [Player 1] ([Team 1] #7) came late and shoved the [Team 2] player. He was booked for unsporting behavior.

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Straight Red Card. Player delivered violent kick to mid-section of opponent, from behind. He was not playing the ball as it had bounced away from the two. Player left field immediately with no further incident or comment.

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In approximately the 46' minute, [TEAM #1] #12 collided with [TEAM #2] defender on a 50/50 challenge right in front of [TEAM #2] team area. As the players were getting up, [TEAM #1] #12 said to me, "She stepped on my ankle." The [TEAM #2] defender was walking away and said, "No I didn't." [TEAM #1] #12, who was now crying, turned around, faced the [TEAM #2] defender and yelled, "I re-rolled my ankle so fuck you!" This was heard by nearly all of the players on the field and the entire [TEAM #2] bench.

[TEAM #1] #12 was issued a RC and dismissed. I explained to [TEAM #1] coach what had occurred.

I was advised after the game that [TEAM #1] fans were directing unsportsmanlike comments across the field at me as the referee. [TEAM #2] AD advised he warned the parents of dismissal from the venue.

I was also advised after the game that [TEAM #2] coach believed the player swore at the referee. To be clear, the player swore at the opposing player, not the referee.

Nothing further.

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[Player #1] cautioned for reckless fouls in the 70"

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Caution in 65" for breaking a promising attack with reckless foul

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Reckless foul in the 53" issued caution

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[Player #1] received 2nd caution in 79" failure to respect distance- ejected for 2nd caution