

WEEK 1

August 22, 2022 to August 28, 2022

Girls Varsity

Working AR1. During a ***** attack in the final third, a foul appeared to have occurred in between the centrally located official and AR2. The referee hesitated (I am assuming to see if advantage developed) and AR2 signaled the foul. The ***** head coach began yelling at the referee, "NO! Don't let your AR influence your call. You weren't gonna call it until he did." The coach was standing in front of his team while he was doing this. I said to the coach, "That is exactly what he is supposed to do. We are a team out here just like you." The coach said, "It's the center's choice always. You know that." I said, "Coach, your job is to coach, not disparage the referees in front of your team. You know that was a point of emphasis this year so knock it off." The coach did not say anything further about the crew.

It should be noted that a good pre-match discussion between the referees led to really good communication throughout the match. Because of that meeting I was able to tell the coach that we were operating as a team and he trusted that... or at the very least, he didn't continue with his critical comments of the refs in front of his players.

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Working AR1. Coach began yelling at me for my possession call on a throw in. He was standing outside his technical area and was saying things like "That was the easiest call of the night," "you must be getting tired," "I know it's dark, but come on." I told the coach I was "not here for that tonight," and he continued. I said, "Coach return to your area, last warning." He returned to his area and did not say anything further.

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During the first half of the game, there were very few fouls and almost no comments from the parents or the coaches. The beginning of the second half was very similar and throughout the game, the score was 0-0. In approximately the 63rd minute, the ball left the field and went a little way into the nearby pond/wet land. An ***** parent left to retrieve the ball and, on his

way, "flipped off" the other ***** parents. The gesture was clearly seen by the field players and possibly the opposing parents. It was later found that the other ***** parents had made a comment about him being the unofficial team manager. I immediately went to the head coach of the ***** team in the 63rd minute. I asked him to have the "Grey shirt guy" leave for "flipping off the other parents". It doesn't matter who you are flipping off, as any gesture like this is never allowed in any high school sport by anyone (player/parent/coach). The coach traveled across the field to have the man leave, and was a little rude in the way he talked to me. The guy was asked to leave, the coach went back to his bench, and the game resumed. The guy traveled along the parent's side of the field, stopped to talk to a few people by the parent side corner flag and then went and stood by the team side corner flag. He was about 15-20 yards from the flag, and was definitely not in his car. I stopped the game in the 66th minute to ask the coach to have the man continue to his car. The coach refused and stated how long he had driven to get there. I asked him again, and he refused. The head coach from ***** was then yellow carded for dissent in the 67th minute. I asked him again if he wanted to go and talk to the parent. He refused and stated he was not leaving his bench. He was red carded and asked to leave in the 67th minute. He took his time packing up his bags and walked down the team-side touch-line. He never actually went to his car and instead stood near the grey shirt guy just down the small hill from the field.

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The coach for the ***** team expressed frustration with many calls throughout the first half. ***** scored in the first half to make the score 1-0. In the second half, I called a penalty kick against the ***** team for the goalie of the ***** team missing the ball and taking a player's legs out. ***** failed to score as the goalie saved the kick. Later in the second half, I called a penalty kick against ***** for a foul along the goal line within the penalty box. ***** was then cautioned in approximately the 65th minute. The coach traveled down the touchline and started screaming at me. I couldn't tell exactly what he was saying, but it was definitely in response to the call. I told the coach to return to his bench area and stop yelling. He continued to scream across the field and was then cautioned for dissent in the 66th minute. Later in the second half, the ball was along the touchline in front of the ***** bench and the coach/bench players started saying the ball was out of bounds. I told the field players the ball was in and to continue playing. An ***** player then picked up the ball resulting in a free kick for ***** . The coach jumped up and down to show his frustration and complained that the ball had been out. I told him he must be quiet and the behavior had to stop immediately. ***** then took the kick and scored. In response to the goal, which made the score 1-1, the coach took off his white hat and threw it on the ground. Under the laws of the game, throwing anything that does not enter the field is grounds for a yellow card. Since the coach had already received a yellow card, he was shown a second yellow and red-carded and asked to leave. A parent took over his responsibility for the remainder of the game.

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Upon arrival, I (center referee) asked to speak to the site supervisor. One of the home team's assistant coaches said he didn't know who would be the site supervisor and agreed to be the acting person. We (officials) asked for the teams' rosters. The assistant coach said they didn't have one. We asked that the rosters be provided by half-time. The home team failed to provide the rosters.

When we (officials) arrived 20 minutes prior to the contest, we were informed that the visiting team had some transportation issues and the game wouldn't be able to start at the scheduled time (3PM). We agreed to wait. The visiting team (*****) finally arrived at 3:45 and we started the game around 4 giving the visiting team 15 minutes to warm up.

No rosters were provided to the referee crew for this contest.

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During the pre game period, very explicit music was being played in the stadium sound system. Two of the officials went looking for the AD to report the issue. We couldn't locate the AD. The inappropriate music did eventually stop.