

## **WEEK 6**

**October 3, 2022 to October 9, 2022**

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### **Boys Varsity**

In the 67th minute, [TEAM 1] #14 [TEAM 1 #14] fouled [TEAM 2] #4 [TEAM 2 #4] while challenging for the ball and [TEAM 2 #4] was knocked to the ground. [TEAM 2 #4] got up and confronted [TEAM 1 #14]. [TEAM 1 #14] shoved [TEAM 2 #4] and [TEAM 2 #4] retaliated by shoving [TEAM 1 #14]. Both players received a red card for violent conduct.

In the 76th minute, [TEAM 1] #7 [TEAM 1 #7] grabbed an opponent by wrapping both arms around him while challenging for the ball and then threw the opponent to the ground. Red card for serious foul play.

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### **Girls Sub-Varsity**

Before the game, I talked with the [TEAM 1] and [TEAM 2] coaches about game length and both agreed to play 40-minute halves. During the first three minutes of the game, a [TEAM 1] player fell down and it looked like it was a foul from a distance away. From my point of view just 8 yards away, I could clearly see there was no contact between the players. A minute later when the play was in front of the [TEAM 1] bench, the coach shouted to the entire field "Hey #12!! Next time when a player does that to you, why don't you roll around five more times so that the man in the yellow shirt calls it!!!!" This was clearly said so that I would hear it and was a very rude statement when there wasn't even a foul there. Just 4 minutes later, the coach was yelling at his entire back line to move up. [TEAM 2] dribbled the ball past the entire line and passed it horizontally while the line was still moving up. [TEAM 2] scored to make it 1-0, and there wasn't a single defender within 20 yards of the box. This caused some players to argue with me over an offside call and others to complain to their coach that they were just listening to his instructions. Throughout the first half, there were multiple times that the back line would suddenly move up 5-10 yards to try and make [TEAM 2] offside. It worked a few times, but there were multiple times that the parents and coach yelled at me for an offside call. One of the problematic plays was a free kick for [TEAM 2] in which I stood on the offside line because I knew what [TEAM 1] was going to do. Sure enough, the back line moved up, but they did so after the ball was kicked and therefore there were no [TEAM 2] players offside. [TEAM 2] then broke away for a clear shot on the keeper who saved the shot. A few minutes later, a player from [TEAM 1] was attacking and a bench player from [TEAM 1] shouted "How is that not a call ref!" and raised her arms. I turned and told that player to stop yelling and put her arms down. The coach immediately yelled at me demanding an explanation for why I was talking to one of his

players. I told him his player was yelling at me and he quickly denied the possibility of this and he started telling me all of the things I was doing wrong. He was standing on the sideline while doing this and then said "Ref, may I come onto the field so we can have a proper conversation?" I said "NO", but he started walking onto the field saying we had to be closer to have a conversation. He came all of the way up to me and started telling me that I had missed multiple offsides, was calling fouls that were nonexistent and being a bad referee. I looked down at his feet and told him he was standing on my field and arguing with me (Under the laws of the game, if a coach is on the field using dissent, it's a red card, no questions asked). I told him I never wanted him on the field and he had to leave as he was crossing the line. At this point we stood about 18 yards from the touch line. He proceeded to tell me that I had invited him onto the field and it was wrong to ask him to leave. I told him multiple more times that he needed to return to his bench, but he continued arguing and telling me I had asked him to come and talk. I never asked him to come onto the field to argue with me. At this point, he was cautioned for dissent as he slowly made his way off of the field while continuing to make very rude comments. The game continued with a few more comments from him that I ignored. At halftime, I had multiple [TEAM 1] players come up to me and apologize for their coach's actions. I also had multiple [TEAM 2] players come and apologize and tell me to just get through it and ignore the rude coach. During half-time, the coach from [TEAM 1] told his players that they would no longer be doing the offside trap as the referee wasn't calling it correctly. The second half started with a few fouls by both teams and about 10 minutes into the half, I called a foul just outside the box for [TEAM 2]. A [TEAM 1] player had clearly held the [TEAM 2] player in possession of the ball and then pushed her over as she passed the ball. The coach from [TEAM 1] called all of his players over to his bench at this point. While all of the [TEAM 1] players crossed the entire field to talk to the coach who was now standing on the field coaching them, I stood with 9 [TEAM 2] players asking me if they could take the kick. We waited for two minutes as the entire [TEAM 1] team including the goalkeeper talked in a circle. As they returned, I went over to the [TEAM 1] coach and asked him what he was doing. He said he "couldn't hear me" and if I wanted to have a conversation, I had to come closer. I was standing 10 yards from him and it wasn't windy. I moved 4 yards closer to him and asked again and told him this stuff needed to stop and for him to just let the game be played. I told him it was just 9th-grade soccer and this was completely unnecessary. He told me again that he "couldn't hear me", but I told him I didn't feel safe moving any closer. He told me that I was doing a whole list of things wrong and told me to just ref the game. I returned to the field after giving up on getting him to change anything about his actions. I just wanted to play the game and this was very unnecessary. After the team talked with the coach, there was much more pushing and tripping especially after the play. Five minutes later, I made a call and the parents yelled at me in disagreement. I stopped the play and went to the [TEAM 1] coach and asked him if he could go and talk to the parents as they were being disrespectful. He said, "No, I will not go and talk to any parent. That's not my job. That's your job." At this point, he was red-carded for abusive language and asked to leave. He then took the next three minutes to walk around his bench and finally left. I had a parent come and coach for the remainder of the game. Two minutes after the coach started walking across the adjacent field, the parents started yelling at me and the [TEAM 2] goalie said the coach was talking to her. Sure enough, the coach was walking across the goal line of the field and had just said something to the keeper. The keeper had said, "coach, I think you need to go to your car" as he walked up right behind the goal. I stopped the game, and the coach wasn't just walking behind the goal but went to talk to three different parents. He stopped and talked for over two minutes while the entire

field waited. I told him this was just 9th-grade soccer and he needed to leave. He ignored me and continued to make conversation with some of the [TEAM 1] parents. After asking him four times to leave, he started to walk towards the back of the school.