



## **Protocol for Ethnic/Racial/Gender Biased Statements**

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To all officials,

Below is the ethnic, racial, gender biased protocol that ALL OFFICIALS MUST FOLLOW.

First, we all must continue to read the sportsmanship card to each team and its coaches prior to every match as we have been doing.

During the match if an official identifies a player that made a racial, ethnic or gender biased statement to an opponent, teammate, coach, parent etc., you must issue that player a RED card and send him off the field. No warnings will be issued.

A disqualification report must be filed immediately after the game by both officials to BOCES and Steve Danis. You can access the disqualification report under [secviii.org](http://secviii.org). Click on "OFFICIALS ", then select "FORMS AND RESOURCES" on the menu that opens up and select the "Unsportsmanlike Incident Report" from the list.

If an official is approached by a student athlete/player on the field and that player says a player made an ethnic, racial or gender biased statement, you must stop the game on the next stoppage of play. Both officials will bring both teams to their coaches and explain to each coach that a player told the officials that an ethnic, racial or gender biased statement was made on the field. The officials will not identify the student athlete/player or team who told the official or the student athlete/player or team who may have made the statement.

At this point you will tell the coaches to speak to their teams and advise them that this behavior will not be tolerated on the field. An official will stay with each coach and team to verify the coach delivers the message and does not use this time for any other purpose. If multiple stoppages are required for this type of behavior the game could be terminated.

Both officials must file a report to BOCES and Steve Danisi using the "Unsportsmanlike Incident Report", as stated above.

Yours in Soccer,  
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