



AYSO Area 1F

Guidelines for Writing Misconduct Reports

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Why are reports needed?

A report is needed when misconducts or unusual incidents on the part of players, coaches, spectators or other persons occur before, during or after a game. A report is not needed for most misconducts/incidents but one is required for acts of violent conduct or assault or referee abuse.

Who is responsible for the report?

The referee is responsible for submitting one single report to the appropriate authority. Assistant referees should report any and all misconducts or unusual incidents not seen by the referee, directly to the referee, for inclusion into the report. Other documents (i.e. supplementary statements, medical reports, etc...) may be needed or required but the referee's report shall be the primary source used in case additional action is deemed necessary. It is advisable the referee retain a copy of the report.

What is required in a report?

A report should be readable, clear, concise and factual. Confine the wording to the actual misconduct or unusual incident and do not include personal remarks, opinions or third party accounts. Write only what happened or what was seen by the referee or assistant referees. The report should also be brief but containing enough facts and information to enable a reader to clearly understand what happened. If inappropriate or explicate words are used or heard, quote exactly the words used.

The following should be included and/or addressed:

- To whom is the report addressed: i.e., Region, Area, Section, or Tournament
- The date, time, field and region, area or tournament where the game was played
- The approximate time of the misconduct or incident
- The names of the teams, coaches or persons involved and team affiliation
- If person(s) unknown, as much information about the person(s) involved as possible
- What happened: i.e., the misconduct or incident that occurred, stating only the facts
- A clear description narrative of the misconduct and/or incident using actual offenses

Cautionable (yellow card) offenses:

- C1 - Unsporting behavior
- C2 - Dissent by word or action
- C3 - Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
- C4 - Delaying the restart of play
- C5 - Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in.
- C6 - Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
- C7 - Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission

Sending-off (red card) offenses:

- S1 - Serious foul play
- S2 - Violent Conduct
- S3 - Spitting at an opponent or any other person
- S4 - Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- S5 - Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
- S6 - Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- S7 - Receiving a second caution in the same match



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Examples



Pushing

In the 5th minute of the first half, #2 Andrew Brown of the NY Tigers recklessly pushed an opponent. Play was stopped; Mr. Brown was cautioned and shown the yellow card for unsporting behavior.

Injury

In the 7th minute of the first half, #2 Andrew Brown of the NY Tigers stepped into a gopher hole and fell to the ground. I stopped play and signaled his coach to enter the field to assess his player. Mr. Brown advised me his left shoulder felt numb as he left the field of play. He did not return the remainder of the match.

Dissent

During the 10th minute of play, the assistant referee signaled a throw-in favoring the LA Lions. I overrode the assistant referee's decision and awarded the throw-in to the opposing team. Chet Davidson, #3, of the LA Lions shouted, "Come on Ref. Make the right calls. That's the third time you've gotten the direction wrong!" Mr. Davidson was cautioned and shown the yellow card for dissent.

Multiple fouls

Greg Hacker (#4) of the LA Lions carelessly tripped an opponent. I had verbally warned Mr. Hacker on two prior occasions for committing fouls in a careless manner. Mr. Hacker was cautioned and shown the yellow card in the 15th minute of the first half for persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game.

Second yellow card

Greg Hacker (#4) of the LA Lions recklessly tripped an opponent while challenging for the ball in the 20th minute of the first half. I cautioned and showed Mr. Hacker the yellow card for unsporting behavior and immediately sent off Mr. Hacker by showing him the red card as he had received his second caution in the same match.

Referee assault

Out of my view and while sending off an LA Lion player, assistant referee, John Smith, advised me in the 25th minute of the second half that that he been physically assaulted by Eric Fox (#5) of the LA Lions. This action occurred approximately five minutes earlier. I immediately showed Mr. Fox the red card and he was sent off for violent conduct.

Serious fouls and violent conduct

Note: The events occurring after the initial offense constitute further offenses and are reported as such.

In the 30th minute of the first half, I. A. Meanie (#6) of the LA Lions injured I. A. Niceguy (#7) of the NY Tigers. Mr. Meanie used excessive force while tackling Mr. Niceguy. Mr. Meanie was immediately shown the red card and sent off for serious foul play. As Mr. Meanie was leaving the field of play, he struck, kicked, and spit at Mr. Niceguy. Out of my vision and based on information provided by assistant referee Jane Smythe, Mr. Niceguy, while lying on the ground, attempted to strike Mr. Meanie. After allowing Mr. Niceguy to get to his feet, he was shown the red card and sent off for violent conduct. Both players were separately escorted to the parking lot.

Terminating a match

Note: Write or quote what was actually said. Use your imagination for the quotes below.

At halftime, LA Lions trainer, Mr. Coach, stated to me "Ref, you're the worst fu%#&%ing ref I've ever seen. You guys are just fu%#&%ing horrible!" Mr. Coach was shown the red card and expelled for the use of offensive and abusive language. The match was terminated for referee abuse and the referee team left the field without further incident. The score at the time of termination was 0:0.