

## **2010 R&D Decision Summaries**

### ***MATTERS DECIDED BY R&D COMMITTEE WITH HEARINGS:***

1. **U19/3 - Failure to Comply with League Rules regarding Sit-Outs**

Despite being suspended and placed on probation hosts of times for the same violation of NCSL rules over three seasons, NVSC Coach again fails to document a player fulfilled his sit out obligation.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

In addition to receiving a three game disciplinary suspension, the coach was suspended from being any team official (coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, TSL, STAR) for any NCSL team for the Spring 2011 season. He cannot be issued a player side line pass during the suspension.

2. **U17/3 – Alleged Coach Misconduct**

The ARL Head Coach had a conflict, so the Assistant Coach acted as game coach. The Assistant Coach was ejected by the referee. He failed to leave field, continued to complain to referee, telling him “You’re horrible, you’re terrible, you suck” and “I’ll see you in the parking lot” and then once the game was abandoned, stayed to call out to the referee that the referee ruined his team’s last game of the season and should be ashamed of himself.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

The game is declared a forfeit against ARL. ARL Coach is awarded a 4 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out, for a total of 5 games. He is placed on probation for the Spring 2011 season. He cannot be a coach or assistant coach until he completes the in-person Positive Coaching Alliance training.

3. **U16/1 – Alleged Violent Conduct**

FREE Player cleats opponent’s groin.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Player awarded one game suspension in addition to red card sit out for a total of two (2) games.

4. **U12/4 – Alleged Coach Misconduct**

SAC Assistant Coach is ejected amongst allegations that he brushed or elbowed the referee upon leaving and might not have initially gone beyond 100 yards from field.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

It was determined that the facts were inconclusive and the red card sit out was adequate.

5. **U12/5 - Alleged Ineligible Players on Game Day Rosters**

SAC team is shorthanded and brings guest players to 2 games.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Both games are declared forfeits, and coach placed on probation for remainder of season.

### ***MATTERS DECIDED BY THE R&D COMMITTEE WITHOUT HEARINGS:***

#### **Protests - Granted**

1. **U14/3 - Violation of Law 14 Regarding Penalty Kicks**

GRFL protests the game results based upon violation of Law 14 regarding penalty kicks. In their protest they allege in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute of the game that was ultimately decided by a 2 goal differential against them, the referee erroneously awarded their opponent an indirect free kick as a result of an infringement by the kicking team (GRFL) in a successful penalty kick. The referee acknowledged

the mistake. The opponent, POT, opposed the protest on the grounds that in a game with a 2 goal differential the law violation doesn't meet the NCSL protest standards that it "may have affected the outcome of the game."

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Protest granted, game to be replayed in its entirety.

**2. U12/5 – Violation of Law 14 Regarding Penalty Kicks**

REST files protest challenging referee's decision to award an indirect free kick to opponent after referee interrupted REST taking penalty kick because one of their players infringed after the whistle had blown to start the penalty kick but before the ball was struck.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Protest granted. Since the penalty kick was not completed, the proper restart would be the retaking of the penalty kick. The Law violation may have affected the outcome of a 1-0 game where the team denied the retake ultimately lost. The game will be replayed in its entirety. Cards awarded stand, sit outs don't count.

**Protests – Denied**

**1. U15/1 - Anchoring of Portable Goals & Use of Club Linesman**

STER protests the game on basis that POT failed to check the field before match and properly anchor portable goals. Referee asked that each team provide two adults to stand on goals to ensure safety. Although Sterling complied, took the field and played the game to completion, losing to Potomac, they say that by having adults behind the goal there was a sideline violation, made more serious by the fact that one of the Potomac adults was their assistant coach, who allegedly coached from there (Potomac denied it and the officials did not perceive any). Finally, Sterling complains that the club linesman used to fill in for a missing assistant referee was affiliated with Potomac, was out of position, and failed to make offside and foul calls in his quadrant.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Protest denied, the referee took reasonable measures, and both teams at least impliedly agreed. The use of a club linesman with his role limited to calling only balls completely over the touch line is consistent with both NCSL and USSF rules.

**2. U15/4 – Challenge of Multiple Calls by Referee**

LAUR files protest challenging multiple calls referee made during the game.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Protest denied. Law 5 provides referees are the final arbiter of facts, and NCSL does not allow protests of judgment calls.

**3. U14/1- Challenge of a Red Card and a Non-Call by the Referee**

HERN files two separate protests concerning different games. The first concerned the awarding of a red card in a game, and the second concerned the red carded player having to sit out next game, and also claiming the referee misapplied the Laws of the Game when a foul occurred on the line of the penalty area and a penalty kick wasn't awarded.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Both protests were denied. Although under Law 1 provides the line is part of the penalty area, the referee's determination that the foul occurred away from it controls as does the other referee's determination that a send off offense occurred. Law 5 provides referees are the final arbiter of facts, and NCSL does not allow protests of judgment calls.

4. **U12/3 – Improper Lining of the Field**

ASC files protest of game results and asks that game be declared forfeit against opponent. The field wasn't properly marked, the referee left, the opponent's STAR offered to officiate and did so although he neglected to check player passes.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

By playing the match, ASC aided in the various rules violations and waived any right to protest the results. The game stands as played.

5. **U12/2 – Awarding of a Red Card and Referee Conflict of Interest**

GRFL files 2 separate protests concerning different games. The first concerned the awarding of a red card in a game, and the second concerned the fact that the referee is the Director of Referees of the opponent's club.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Both protests were denied. Law 5 provides referees are the final arbiter of facts, and NCSL does not allow protests of judgment calls. The Director of Referees does not have a conflict of interest in officiating when teams from his club play teams from other clubs for he has no vested interest in the outcome of the match.

***MATTERS DECIDED BY CLUB REPRESENTATIVES AND EMBRACED BY R&D AS NCSL DISCIPLINE WITHOUT HEARINGS:***

**Team Discipline**

1. **U19/3** - Game between DCST and NVSC abandoned by referee when brawl breaks out between most of the players. Game declared a non-game, not to be replayed. All cards given stand, sit outs don't count. Neither team receives any points. Both teams suspended from playing next game, and those games are recorded as forfeits. Two players who played major role in brawl are suspended for 5 games in addition to the red card sit outs. Three others are suspended for 3 games in addition to red card sit outs.
2. **U16/1** - Game between CALV and REST abandoned by referee with 13 minutes remaining when successive multiple player scuffles broke out. Game declared a non-game, not to be replayed. All cards given stand, sit outs don't count. Neither team receives any points.

**Players - Violent Conduct**

1. **U16/2** – NVSC player steps/stomps on opponent's torso. Player awarded a one game suspension in addition to red card sit out.
2. **U16/2** - FSC player off ball punches opponent. Player awarded a two game suspension in addition to red card sit out.

**Players - Misconduct After Ejection**

1. **U19/4** - In the fourth week of the season, ejected WALD player returns to hill near field and makes obscene gesture to referee after game. Player suspended for remainder of season.
2. **U17/5** - Ejected SYC player shoves referee as he exits field. Player is awarded a 2 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out.

3. **U16/2** - Ejected TAFC player continues obscene rant at referee even after ejection. Player awarded one game suspension in addition to the red card sit out.
4. **U14/5** - Ejected CALV Player is foul and abusive after ejection. Receives 2 game suspension in addition to red card sit out.

### **Other**

1. **U19/1** - SYA "Trash talking" taunts opponent to strike them causing opponent to be ejected. Trash talkers are placed on probation for spring season.
2. **U19/3** - Previously unwarned PWSI player was awarded a straight red when he said to referee after the game "thanks for all the cards." Sit out and accumulated points above 5 waived.

### **Team Officials - Misconduct After Ejection**

1. **U19/1** - Ejected FPYC Coach is foul and abusive after ejection and makes obscene gesture. Receives a 2 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out.
2. **U19/1** - Ejected FPYC Manager/Assistant Coach is foul and abusive after ejection and makes obscene gesture. Receives a 2 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out.
3. **U19/1** - An ejected ARL assistant coach returns to field immediately after game to confront referee. Assistant Coach awarded a 2 game suspension in addition to red card sit out.
4. **U17/5** - SSA Assistant Coach earns yellow card for dissent, then earns straight red card for foul and abusive language. He first doesn't leave and then returns to confront the referee with Head Coach immediately after game. Head coach receives 1 game suspension. Assistant Coach receives a 5 game suspension (1 for red card, 1 for accumulated points, 3 disciplinary).
5. **U16/2** - Ejected NVSC coach returns to field immediately after game to complain to referee. Coach suspended for 2 games in addition to red card sit out.
6. **U16/5** - Ejected FPYC Assistant Coach complains to referee immediately after game. Assistant Coach is suspended for 2 games in addition to the red card sit out.
7. **U14/1** - Ejected BRYC Coach returns to field during half time to complain to referee. Receives a 2 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out.
8. **U14/5** - Ejected ARL Coach fails to leave after ejection and has to be asked twice by the referee to leave the vicinity of the field. Receives 1 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out.
9. **U12/3** - Ejected BRYC Coach returns to field immediately after game to confront referee. Coach awarded a 2 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out.

### **Failure to Properly Sit Out**

1. **16/3** - ASA Sitting out Coach comes to game, warms team up, meets with referees and returns to field immediately after game. Sit out does not count, and is awarded an additional 2 game suspension.

2. **U16/4** - Suspended WALD coach attends game. Sit out doesn't count, and coach is given an additional 3 game suspension.
3. **U13/3** - CYA coach fails to properly sit out and comes to game. The team forfeits game, and the coach is awarded a 2 game suspension in addition to the red card sit out that is still owed.

### **Other Misconduct**

1. **U19/3** - ASA Coach berates referee throughout game, particularly after serious injury. Referee shows no cards to coach. Coach is placed on probation for remainder of Spring season and the Fall season.
2. **U16/2** - DSC Coach who had already been cautioned by referee with the showing of a yellow card, tells referee if my players get hurt "I'm coming after you" (according to referee) or "players will go after them" (according to coach). Referee shows coach red card. Although no additional sanction was imposed, the coach owes both a red card and accumulated points sit out as a result of the cards earned.
3. **U15/6** - POT coach complains and criticizes referee throughout game. Coach suspended for one game.
4. **U15/7** - LOUD Coach berates opposing team with profanity after second loss to them this season. Coach receives a 4 game suspension, is banned from team's winter activities, and placed on probation for Spring season with understanding that any card, red or yellow could result in a complete ban from coaching for club.
5. **U14/2** - NVSC coach pulls team with time remaining after his players receive a number of cards. NVSC team forfeits game and coach is placed on probation for remainder of season. (When it was discovered after the Spring 2010 season that the coach failed to sit out 2 players that had reached accumulated points thresholds, requiring sit outs during the season, the NVSC Head Coach was awarded a 4 game suspension for the Fall 2010 season and his probation was also extended to include the Fall 2010 season.)
6. **U14/4** - ASC assistant coach yells at opposing players after game, and manager introduced as a possible STAR dissents during game. Assistant coach suspended from 2 games, and is banned from being on the player sideline. He is also placed on probation for remainder of season. Manager is suspended for one game.
7. **U10/R** - CALV Coach uses foul and abusive language to own team parent. Coach is suspended for 2 games.

### **Affiliates -Entering Field and Possibly Using Offensive Language**

1. **U17/2** - MCLN parent ejected for confronting referee when his son was injured. The player stayed down after head injury. He was disoriented, and was taken away for medical treatment where it was determined he had a concussion. Suspension of parent from next game, waived.
2. **U17/5** - SYC parents yell out to team to hurt opponent. Parents are banned from attending next two NCSL games.

3. **U16/1** - SYC parents and players taunt officials after the game. All parents are banned from attending next game, and team is placed on probation for Spring 2011 season.
4. **U15/1** - LOUD 3 parents ejected for inappropriate comments to referee. All 3 suspended from attending next game.
5. **U13/3** - STER parent enters pitch and threatens player who had just fouled his son. Parent is suspended from attending all games for the remainder of the Fall season and placed on probation for the duration of the upcoming Spring 2011 season.
6. **U10/G** - GSC parent enters field when son is injured possibly using offensive language. Parent suspended for 1 game and placed on probation for remainder of season.