

2009 R&D Decision Summaries

MATTERS DECIDED BY R&D COMMITTEE WITH HEARINGS:

Disciplinary

1. U19/1 – GSC Elite Coach Misconduct in Violation of the Leaders Code of Conduct

In two games during the Fall 09 season, GSC Coach behaves inappropriately towards the referee crew, violated the Leaders Code of Conduct. In the first game he is ejected, and in the second game, the referee sent in a report to R&D.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

GSC Coach is suspended for one GSC Elite game. In the event this team does not play in the Spring 2010 season, he must serve the sit out with one of the other teams he coaches in NCSL.

2. U17/1 – FPYC Coach attends game while serving sit out for previous red card. At beginning of game he is within 100 yards of field.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

The sit out doesn't count so he still owes a sit out for the red card, plus two additional games suspension for violating sit out rules.

3. U13D3 – Alleged Coach and Parent/Spectator Misconduct

Towards the end of the game, there was a hard challenge for the ball which resulted in a non-call for either team. After a hard challenge an ALEX player fell and play was allowed to continue. At the next stoppage of play the CR noted the ALEX player was unduly upset with the non-call and remarked to the ALEX HC that the player had a "mental injury" and recommended he be substituted.

After the game, several spectators and the ALEX HC confronted the CR. One spectator was particularly aggressive, repeatedly demanding the CR's name so a report could be filed. During this confrontation one of the spectators grabbed the blue game card from the CR and the card was torn at the perforation. Descriptions of the confrontation and how the card was torn were greatly disputed, as was the demeanor of the CR.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

1. The most aggressive spectator is suspended from attending the next three NCSL games played by the ALEX team.
2. The second spectator is placed on probation for the remainder of the Spring 09 season with the understanding that any further inappropriate conduct may result in additional R&D action and penalties.
3. The ALEX HC is placed on probation for the remainder of the Spring 09 season with the understanding that any further inappropriate conduct, or failure to calm or diffuse inappropriate conduct may result in additional sanctions by the R&D Committee.

4. U10DR – Alleged Coach Misconduct

The CR filed a report alleging the VIST HC was abusive during the game and after the game confronted her in an aggressive manner.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

VIST HC is suspended for the next three NCSL matches with the VIST team. If the HC leaves this team between seasons, he must serve his suspensions with any new NCSL team he joins.

Protests

1. **U16D3** – R&D considered the Protest filed by TSC Real Thunder regarding the game played to completion between TSC Real Thunder vs. TSC Juventus, with a final score of 0-0. Real Thunder alleges the CR violated the NCSL Rule regarding checking of player passes, in that according to Real Thunder, Juventus did not have their passes at game time and the referee didn't check such passes until during half time.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

1. Real Thunder's protest is denied. Game will stand as played with a score of TSC Real Thunder 0 – TSC Juventus 0. Cards issued and sit outs served during the game will stand.
 2. Consistent with another published decision of R&D, which was brought to Real Thunder's attention, agreeing to play without the opponent's passes being checked nullifies any basis for protest. In fact one could suggest that Real Thunder by agreeing to play under these circumstances was at least partly at fault with any rule violation.
 3. TSC Real Thunder forfeits their \$200 protest fee.
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2. **U12/6** - ALEX protests referee's decision, embraced by opponent (CSA) to not allow them to use designated parent as coach during coach's absence, requiring the parent to sit on parent's side, and not allow him to give direction nor to speak to inexperienced team manager designated by referee as coach via cell phone during game.

Decisions of the R&D Committee:

Protest granted and game to be replayed in its entirety. Referee's actions had no basis in NCSL rules.

MATTERS DECIDED BY R&D COMMITTEE WITHOUT HEARINGS:

Protests Granted

U15/1 - GRFL protests referee erroneously stopping game at 35 minutes for half-time. Both GRFL and opponent, SYC, advised referee that U15's play 40 minute halves and request referee to call teams back onto field for remaining 5 minutes, and to play second half for a full 40 minutes. Referee declines to do so, and advises that second half will be an equal 35 minutes. Protest granted, game to be replayed in its entirety.

Protests Denied

1. **U15/6** - CHAN protests referee decision to allow GSC player who forgot white jersey to first play with unnumbered white shirt and then with team mate's numbered shirt. Protest denied, no showing the rule violation affected the outcome of the game.

Allegations of Referee Violations of the Laws of the Game Affecting the Outcome of the Game

2. **U16/3** - WALD protests referee allowing play to continue to opponent's (REST) goal scoring after serious foul resulting in send off. Both referee who sent player off, and assistant referee who signaled foul, advised the foul occurred after the goal was scored. Protest denied, WALD failed to establish violation of the Laws of the Game.

3. **U15/3** - GRFL protests referee allowing play to continue after low raspy whistle. Referee denies there was a whistle; rather she says she coughed near whistle. She advises she allowed play to continue at foul. All officials and opponent, OLNy, advises no player stopped play, which GRFL doesn't dispute. Protest denied, GRFL failed to establish violation of the Laws of the Game.
4. **U14/3** - BAC protests awarding of a red card for denying a goal scoring opportunity following a quick whistle where opponent's, SMU, shot on goal deflected off of handling player and went into net after whistle. Protest denied, whether to allow advantage to play or to stop play quickly is a judgment call by the referee not subject to protest. At stoppage the handling defender had denied a goal scoring opportunity. BAC failed to establish violation of the Laws of the Game.

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

Teams:

1. **U16/3** - ASA alleges TSC used an ineligible player that had recently transferred to TSC from another NCSL team. TSC TM was not aware of the NCSL rules prohibiting transferred players to play on multiple teams during a given season. The game is declared a forfeit ASA 3 – TSC 0.
2. **U16/5** - FASA team received five yellow and two red cards and FASA HC was also ejected from game. The FASA HC wrote a formal letter of apology and served his mandatory sit out. In addition the two players that were ejected were given additional one and two game sanctions from the FASA club.
3. **U16/6** - SAC team played game with nineteen players. (U16 is allowed up to 22 players on team rosters, but only 18 on game roster.) CHAN team advises they will protest but they do not. The SAC Club suspends the violating HC for one game, and imposes a requirement that a team representative attend the new Administrators meeting held by NCSL prior to the team being allowed to play another season.
4. **U14/1** - GSC claims CALV players used racial epitaphs against their players during the game. This is the second game where these allegations have been brought up against the CALV team. CALV Club responds and identifies the player in question. He is suspended for the remainder of the Spring '09 season. R&D Chair embraces club's suggestion of a parent/player meeting to address atmosphere.
5. **U11/7** - ALEX player who was serving a red card sit out was allowed to play the first five minutes of the game with the ALEX HC's knowledge. The ALEX TM informed the HC that the player must serve his sit out and the player was pulled out of the game. The ALEX HC explained he was not familiar with the NCSL rules for red card sit outs. ALEX HC is suspended for two NCSL games and the player must serve his sit out at the next NCSL game for ALEX.

Coach Misconduct After Ejection

1. **U19D1** - MSC HC was ejected from the game. Immediately following the game, the MSC HC returned to the field to apologize to the CR. MSC Club spoke with the MSC HC and explained the 100-yard, 30 minute rule to HC.
2. **U17/2** - Ejected NVSC coach returns to field immediately after game to collect his belongings. Coach cautioned.

3. **U14/4** - REST HC was ejected from the game due to receiving two yellow cards for dissent. He initially refused to leave the field but eventually left very slowly. Immediately after the game, the REST HC returned to the field and confronted the CR complaining. REST Club handed down an additional one game suspension for the REST HC. One game for the red card and one additional game sanction for returning to the field after the game.
4. **U12D6** - GSC HC was ejected from the game and returned to the field after the game. GSC Club spoke to HC and he explained he was going to the adjacent field for his other son's game. GSC HC was placed on probation for the remainder of the Spring 09 season.
5. **U10/G** - Ejected PWSI coach returns to field immediately after game to retrieve belongings. Coach placed on probation for the remainder of the Fall 09 season.
6. **U10/G** - The MSC HC was ejected from the game. Initially he did not leave. He then went and sat on the spectator's sideline. CR explains to the HC he must leave the field. MSC HC then went to the parking lot and talked with his AC via cell phone allegedly to give coaching instructions to him. MSC Club held a hearing and handed down a two game suspension to the HC, one game for the red card and an additional sit out for not leaving the field in a timely manner. MSC HC is also placed on probation for the remainder of the Spring '09 season.
7. **U9/O** - GRFL HC was ejected from the game. The CR had to ask him numerous times to leave the field, but finally he started going to the parking lot. Then he stopped at the goal line and began giving instructions to his players. The CR spoke with the TSL and asked for assistance in removing the HC from the field. GRFL Club has suspended the HC for two games, one for the red card and an additional suspension for not leaving the field in a timely manner after the ejection.
8. **U9/Q** - Ejected NVSC coach returns to field immediately after game. NVSC manager and parents confront referee after the game. NVSC Club counsels coach/team.

Players Misconduct After Ejection

1. **U19D4** – TAPK player was ejected after engaging in foul and abusive language towards the CR. Initially he would not leave the field. Once he did, he “moonied” the crowd. TAPK Club has suspended the player for the remainder of the Spring '09 season.
2. **U19D4** – ARL player was ejected from the game for receiving two yellow cards. His HC and captain of the team tried to have him leave quietly but instead he engaged in foul and abusive language. The ARL player had to be told multiple times to leave the field of play. Eventually the HC removed him from the sidelines. ARL Club R&D has suspended the player for the remainder of the Spring '09 season.
3. **U17/2** - Ejected CALV player engages in foul and abusive language after being ejected. Player suspended for one additional game in addition to red card sit out.
4. **U17/2** - Ejected CALV player confronts officials after match. Player suspended for one additional game in addition to red card sit out.

5. **U16D5** – DSC player was ejected from the game and rather than leave the field began using foul and abusive language. DSC Club sanctioned the DSC player for 3 NCSL games, one for the red card ejection, and two additional suspensions for the foul and abusive language after the ejection. DSC player was also required to write an apology letter to the CR.
6. **U15/3** - Ejected VBSC player confronts opponent in parking lot after game. Player suspended for one additional game in addition to red card sit out.
7. **U15/5** -SAC player was ejected from the game and then makes ethnic slurs towards a TASC player. SAC Club has imposed an additional two game suspension to the SAC player on top of the one game suspension for the red card. The SAC player is also required to write an apology letter to the CR and the TASC team.
8. **U14/1** - During the game CALV players repeatedly used racial slurs against one of the ABGC players. A fight ensued between two opposing players and both were ejected from the game. The ABGC spectators became very boisterous. ABGC Club bans all team spectators from attending the next NCSL match. CALV Club suspended their ejected player an additional two games, for a total of three NCSL games.
9. **U14/3** - Ejected ABGC player uses foul and abusive language after being ejected. Player suspended for one additional game in addition to the mandatory red card sit out.
10. **U13D5** – TAPK player on bench uses foul and abusive language towards referee and receives a yellow card. TAPK Club suspended the player for two NCSL games.

Coach Misconduct

1. **U13/4** – While CALV manager is attempting to calm affiliates, coach tells them referee is a racist. Coach awarded 10 disciplinary points.
2. **U10/C** – HERN complains about REST coach behavior. Club counsels coach.

Player Misconduct

1. **U19/2** - ARL v. MCLN game abandoned by referee when fight between players starts to erupt. Match declared a non-game, not to be replayed.
2. **U17/2** - REST and NVSC players come off bench to join ongoing fight. Players awarded additional disciplinary points above those associated with cards.
3. **U17/2** – MCLN players utter profanities at the referee after game. Players suspended from next NCSL match.

Affiliate Misconduct

1. **U19/1** - SEVP spectator was ejected from the game for using foul and abusive language towards the CR. This is the second complaint regarding the spectators from SEVP team. SEVP Club has banned the ejected spectator for the remainder of the Spring '09 season, but suspended imposition of the ban for all but two games, provided she behaves. SEVP is also fined \$200 for failure to abide by the code of conduct.

2. **U19/3** - Unidentified STAF affiliate confronts referee after abandoned game. Unless affiliate is identified, all affiliates are banned from attending next two games. If identified, only affiliate is banned.
3. **U17/1** - After abandoned game, SYA TSL and affiliates confront referee, and affiliate taunts referee with obscene gesture on way home. Team fined \$400.
4. **U16/1** - TSC parents/spectators verbally harassed CR during course of game. CR warned spectators to stop but eventually asks all of them to leave the field. TSC parents are banned from the next NCSL game and all games thereafter until they take an on-line PCA behavior course. In addition, all spectators are on probation for the remainder of the Spring '09 season.
5. **U16/1** - TASC affiliate confronts assistant referee after game. Club cautions affiliate.
6. **U16/3** - WALD affiliate confronts referee after game. Affiliate banned from attending next game.
7. **U15/6** - Two ASC parents approached the CR after the game and began harassing him in an argumentative way. Both were warned several times not to engage the CR but to no avail. Both were ejected. ASC Club suspended both parents from attending the team's next NCSL game. The TSL was also spoken to about controlling sideline behavior.
8. **U14/1** - OLNLY affiliates confront referee after game. Affiliates banned from attending next game.
9. **U14/2** - POT parent/club official confronts the CR after the game and began harassing him. The parent was asked several times to stop by the CR but he would not. CR issued a red card to the POT HC and then parent stopped. POT Club will ensure POT HC serves his sit out and parent/club official has also been suspended for one game.
10. **U14/2** - ASC affiliate confronts STAR after game. Club cautions affiliate.
11. **U12/5** - CR reports that immediately after the game ARL TM confronted him criticizing his officiating and saying they would protest. ARL Club has suspended the ARL TM for one game and mandated he write an apology letter to the CR.
12. **U11/3** - SYA parent was ejected for sideline behavior. Although the CR first said it was a threat, he later said it was inappropriate hand gestures towards the opposing coach. SYA Club imposed a two game suspension for parent and the team appointed a team TSL to be more involved on the parent sideline.
13. **U11/5** - BETH parent abuses CR after he felt his son had been fouled. The CR asked him to calm down but to no avail. The parent engaged in foul, abusive and threatening language towards the CR, at which point he was ejected. There was no TSL from the BETH team to assist the CR with this inflamed situation. BETH Club imposed a two game suspension against the ejected parent.
14. **U10/Y** - WALD affiliate taunts opponent players during game. Club cautions affiliate.