



What're you doing ref... making your will?

A Quick Checklist

- Are you being Accurate, Brief, and Clear? (ABC)
- Know the difference between Serious Foul Play and Violent Conduct. SFP happens when a player is challenging for the ball with a player on the opposing team, VC does not.
- Dismissal for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures requires you to note exactly what was said or done.
- Just the facts... no conjecture or commentary.
- Six magic words... "in the opinion of the Referee."
- Direct Dismissal or a Dismissal for a Second Caution.

Discipline Hearing

- Inform your DRC.
- Dress smartly.
- Answer honestly and try not to add to your report.
- Avoid being defensive and avoid arguments.
- Avoid opinions, even if asked for one.
- Don't worry about the final outcome.



Referee Report Writing

When, What, and How

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What needs a report?

1. Administrative Issues [Special Incident]
2. Issues with Field [Special Incident]
3. Serious Injury [Special Incident]
4. Unexpected Game Termination [Special Incident]
5. Caution [Caution Summary]
6. Sending off [Dismissal Report]
7. Referee Assault [Referee Assault Report]

What's required in a report?

1. Date/Time of Match
2. Referee Crew
3. Home and Visiting Teams
4. Age/Gender
5. Final Score
6. League (appropriate authority)
7. Object of the Report
 - a. Person's team
 - b. Person's number (if applicable)
 - c. Time of incident
 - d. Reason for Misconduct
8. Incident Summary
 - a. When did it occur?
 - b. Who was involved?
 - c. How did it happen?
 - d. Where were the game officials in relation to the incident?
 - e. How was it dealt with?
 - f. What happened afterward?
 - g. How did the game restart after the incident?



Administrative Issues

- A team has an improper uniform, doubled numbers, etc,
- A home team doesn't supply acceptable balls,
- The field isn't properly marked,
- A technical area isn't marked,
- Different length halves (or other referee error), or
- Something else weird happens.



List in caution summary

List each caution in dismissal report

List in caution summary and dismissal report

List in dismissal report

What's useful?

- Whether the action occurred during a challenge for the ball
- Whether the misconduct occurred at a stoppage of play or during play
- If anyone was injured due to the misconduct
- Whether there was any prior incident that may have led to the player's actions
- The demeanor of the player during the sending off (including any difficulties in removing the player from the field)
- The location of the action in relation to the goal line and penalty area being attacked at the time
- The subsequent intrusion of any other players (teammates or opponents) during the time the dismissal is being managed
- The specific words or gestures and the context in which they were delivered which were determined to be insulting, offensive, or abusive.
- The identity of the opponent or official toward whom the misconduct was directed
- A summary of the prior misconduct (or a reference to the section of the report which detailed the prior caution) preceding the second caution for which the player was sent off
- The identity of the assistant referee, fourth official, or reserve assistant referee who provided independently observed facts to the referee regarding the misconduct
- All other details of the action which materially shaped the decision to send the player off