FLORIDA SOCCER REFEREES

Supplemental Report Cheat Sheet

Supplemental Reports are required for the following:

- RED CARDS
- SERIOUS INJURIES
- TECHNICAL AREA DISCIPLINE
- FIELD INSPECTION ISSUES
- BREACH OF COMPETITION RULES
- SPECTATOR INCIDENTS
- WEATHER DELAYS

Supplemental reports should be submitted immediately following the game but no later than 24hrs after the game

Report Writing Tips

- State only the facts of what happened.
- Use terminology/language from IFAB LOTG and FIFA considerations.
- Use names (and NOT pronouns (he, she, they, them, etc) to avoid any confusion.

In order for Disciplinary Committees to evaluate serious misconduct, match reports must include:

- The name of (and additional identifying information for) the player / technical staff who was sent off
- The time of the send off
- The specific reason in the IFAB Laws of the Game for the send off (Law 12)

In addition, the referee must supply sufficient detail regarding the circumstances of the misconduct to aid in evaluating its level of seriousness. Among the factors that should be addressed, where relevant, are:

- 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 as a consequence of the misconduct
- Whether there was any prior incident that may have led to the player's actions
- The demeanor of the player during the send-off (including any difficulties in implementing the player's removal 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 referee is managing the send off
- The specific words or gestures 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

Templates

Red Cards

SFP

"In the 51' minute of the match, Team A #9 John Doe was shown the red card and sent off for serious foul play. Doe challenged Team B's #8 Smith for the ball, while using excessive force with a straight leg, lunging tackle, studs exposed-which contacted the lower part of the shin, endangering the safety of the opponent. Doe left the field of play in a timely manner, without causing any further incidents."

VC

"In the 93' minute of the match, Team A player #14 John Doe was shown the red card and sent off for violent conduct. Play was stopped after Dwyer used his elbow to forcefully strike Team B #3 Kevin Smith in the head (who was seriously injured on the play and did not return to the match). Doe did not leave the field in a timely manner, which caused further mass confrontation."

2nd Caution

"In the 69' minute of the match, Team A #9 John Doe was shown the red card and sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match. Doe received his first caution (for dissent) in the 67' minute, and the second caution (for entering the field of play without the referee's permission) in the 69'. Doe left the field of play in a timely manner, without causing any further incidents."

DOGSO-hand

"In the 75' minute of the match, Team A #26 Jane Doe was shown the red card and sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity. Doe was outside of her penalty area and was the last defender and used her hands to stop a shot toward the goal. Doe left the field of play in a timely manner, without causing any further incident.

DOGSO-foul

"In the 60th minute of the match, Team A #22 John Doe was shown the red card and sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by foul, with no attempt to play the ball. The offense occurred inside the penalty area approximately 8 yards from goal, where Doe pulled down Team B Kevin Smith from behind, to prevent Smith's imminent goal scoring opportunity. Doe left the field of play with no further incidents and play was restarted with a penalty kick.

Multiple Supplemental Reports (use first person)

Ref Report

"In the 89' minute of the match, the 4th official indicated that play must be stopped to issue a red card. After stopping play and speaking with the 4th official, I was informed that Team A #3, Jane Doe, had used her elbow to strike the face of Team B #6, causing her to stumble several yards backward. Upon confirmation from the 4th official that the off-the ball contact involved excessive force to the face, Doe was shown the red card and sent off for violent conduct. Although Doe did exit the field in a timely manner, I saw that while she was leaving, she showed dissent by action by making sarcastic clapping gestures toward the 4th official."

4th Official Report

"In the 89' minute of the match, I communicated with the referee to tell the referee to stop play to issue a red card. After stopping play and coming over to me, I was able to tell the referee that Team A player #3, Jane Doe, had used her elbow to strike the face of Team B player #6, causing her to stumble several yards backward. After the referee showed Doe the red card, I noticed that Doe moved toward me and was clapping at me and I also noticed that she spat out before leaving into the midfield tunnel."

Serious Injury

"In the 93' minute of the match, John Doe #3 for Team A was seriously injured after receiving an elbow to the head from Team B #14 Kevin Smith (who was sent off for violent conduct). Upon recognizing that Doe had shown visible signs of having a possible concussion (falling to ground, clutching the head, slow to get up, bleeding), the referee immediately beckoned medical staff onto the field. After a preliminary on-field assessment, Doe was escorted off the field for further evaluation. The medical staff determined that Doe was unable to continue playing in the match and he was subsequently transported to the hospital. Play was restarted in the 97' minute."

Technical Area Discipline

"During a stoppage of play in the 69'minute, John Doe, the head coach of Team A, was shown the red card and sent off for leaving his technical area to show dissent towards the referee in a provocative and inflammatory manner. The fourth official observed that Doe had jumped up from the technical area, wildly waving his arms and loudly yelling at the referee. Doe had previously been warned in the 37' minute by the fourth official to refrain from any further minor actions of disagreement, and to stay calm and in his team's technical area. Doe left the field without further incident."

Field Inspection Issues

"During the officials' pregame inspection of the field, it was discovered that the left goalpost (scoreboard side) was noticeably taller than 8 feet (by almost 2 inches). The field managers were able to correct the issue before the start of team warmups."

Spectator Incidents

"In the 63' minute, before the taking of a corner kick near the home team's supporters' section, play was stopped when the referee observed that Team A's had a parent who had walked down to AR2 to yell about a possible penalty kick. The coach from Team A was notified and the coach had the parent removed. Play was restarted in the 65' minute."

Weather Delays

"In the 74' minute, the referee stopped play because of an incoming lightning storm. Play was stopped at the taking of a Team A Goal kick in front of AR1. The score was 2-0 in favor of Team B. After two hours the referee team observed that the field conditions were no longer playable, as there was standing water in both penalty areas. After consulting with both teams and the Tournament office about the fact that the inclement weather was not subsiding, the field conditions were not playable, it was determined and agreed to by all parties that the safest course of action was for the referee to abandon the match.