

**To:** OHSAA Soccer Officials

**Fr:** Don Muenz, Director of Soccer Officiating Development

**Re:** Ejection Reports

Good day everyone.

Let's review filing of electronic ejection reports.

Why is what you are about to read important? Schools must self-enforce all suspensions and it is, therefore, VITAL that you timely contact them by phone, text or email either right after the match or before noon of the next school day, AND timely file your electronic report on the OHSAA website, i.e., within 48 hours of the end of the match. The schools face MANDATORY FORFEITURE of each match in which a player or coach participates in violation of a suspension.

If you red card a player, coach or bench personnel, please contact a school administrator at the match site after the match or no later than noon the next school day.

File your electronic report as soon as possible, while facts and circumstances are still fresh in your mind, but in no event later than 48 hours after the match concludes.

Write your electronic report as if the person who reads it has no idea what has happened, as, indeed, that is the case.

If there were two cautions resulting in a disqualification for a subsequent caution, list the underlying facts of each, the time of each and the rulebook reason for each.

If you showed a straight red for serious foul play, write the underlying facts, the time and the rulebook reason.

If you showed a straight red for violent conduct, write the underlying facts, the time and the rulebook reason.

Serious foul play is defined in NF 12.8.2(d). Know that rule. Violent conduct is defined in NF 18.1.1(uu). Know that rule.

An easy way to differentiate serious foul play from violent conduct: SFP involves a direct free kick offense committed with disproportionate and unnecessary force while playing for the ball. It can only occur when the ball is in play, by a player against an opposing player and on the field of play. Violent conduct, on the other

hand, is NOT committed while playing for the ball, can occur anywhere, whether the ball is in play or not, and can be committed against anyone.

Why is this important? A straight red card for violent conduct is treated by the OHSAA as an ejection for fighting, and carries a four-match suspension. A reporting official must timely report, contact and “get it right.”

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