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Misconduct Reports



What is the purpose of a Misconduct report?

- A legal affidavit used to describe the details and events that occurred when a player, coach, spectator or outside agent of any kind is dismissed from a game.
- This document will be used in the future discipline procedures to determine the validity and outcome for the person involved.
- It is a referee's duty under Law 5 (Powers and Duties) to report any disciplinary action or other incidents occurring during the game.



Why is it important to complete a misconduct report after a dismissal?

- Players, coaches, fans and referees have a duty to follow the laws of the game for a safe, fun and competitive environment.
- When specific laws of the game are broken that endanger these factors, the person in question should be dealt with accordingly.
- The misconduct report allows for a fair outcome to be applied as required.



What happens if a misconduct report is written incorrectly or not completed?

- Incorrect or not writing a report allows the person involved to return to soccer without any added discipline measures.
- Depending on the severity of the offence, this puts the spirit of the game in jeopardy, removes fairness and weakens the purpose of the laws of the game.
- Discipline measures may occur towards a referee for failing to report a misconduct.



Misconduct reports are used for scenarios occurring within the confines of a game itself. Examples of this include:

- Dismissed player, coach, spectator
- Abuse against an official
- Abandoned game



The misconduct report can be broken down into 5 sections.

The following slides will give details to the purpose and how-to of each section.



Section 1 – Game Information

League: _____ Age Group: _____ Division: _____

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Venue: _____ Home: _____ Away: _____

Dismissed individual (circle one): Player Team official Spectator

Name: _____ ID # or Position Title: _____ Team affiliation: _____

- Information is generally found on the game sheet(s) supplied by the teams.
- Used by the discipline panel to identify the game and person involved.
- Clubs may have multiple teams in same division, so be clear with which team is written on game sheet.

Section 2 – Reasoning for Dismissal



- Confirm correct send-off category is checked off (only pertaining to the send-off), as each one may have different lengths of outcomes depending on offence.
- If checked dismissal does not match description report (section 3), this may void the report.
- Section 3 allows for the additional acknowledgement of how the person dismissed acted following the send-off.

The incident / dismissal took place when?

- The incident took place BEFORE the match
- The incident took place AFTER the match
- The incident took place DURING the match

The dismissal was for the following reason:

- Serious Foul Play, as defined in IFAB Laws of the Game
- Violent Conduct, as defined in IFAB Laws of the Game ***(also applies to team officials)**
- Biting or spitting at someone ***(also applies to team officials)**
- Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing a deliberate handball offence (except a goalkeeper within their own penalty area)
- Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick (as defined in the IFAB Laws of the Game)
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or actions ***(also applies to team officials)**
- Receiving a second caution in the same match ***(also applies to team officials)**
- Boarding (Indoor game only)
- Commits any other 'Team Official' sending off offence from the Laws – to be described on page 2.

Which of the following best describes the actions of the individual following the dismissal

- Left the field without any further incident
- Did not leave immediately and continued to dispute the Referee's decision
- Committed additional misconduct, on or off the field: (Referee to document actions in report)
- Returned at the end of the game: (Referee to document actions in report)

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- Once the correct send-off is checked, any other actions occurring during the game can be described in the “section 3” as ‘additional misconduct.’
- Additional actions may lead to increased discipline if required, so it is important you note if anything outside the send-off occurred (ex. Came back to the field after the game to argue, etc).

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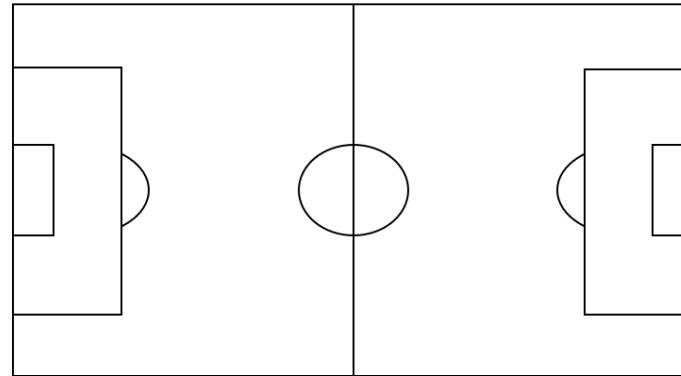
Section 4 – Visual Aid



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Team Defending This Side:

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- Section 4 can be used to provide a quick visual aid of where the event(s) occurred on or off the field.
- This will help provide added context to the description (section 3).

Section 5 – Officials Information



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Referee's Name (Print)

Assistant Referee #1 (Print)

Assistant Referee #2 (Print)

4th Official (Print)

Name of official who prepared report

Signature of official who prepared report

Date:

- Make sure all officials names are clearly recorded, as well as the date the report was completed on.
- Being a legal affidavit of the events, make sure to re-read the report before sending to the required authorities.

Additional Tips and Info



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- Leagues generally require a misconduct to be sent in **within 72 hours max.** Anything later may void the report.
- Tournaments may require reports to be completed within a specific time frame of the game. If not aware, don't hesitate to ask the tournament organizers.
- Events that occur can create emotion, leading to inaccurate writeups. Take time after to mentally calm down before writing.
- Work with other officials from game as needed to make sure report and information are accurate.

Help!



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If additional help is required writing a report, please contact your local league to connect with the following resources:

- Senior local officials
- League Discipline Committee Members
- Local Assignor

On the Alberta Soccer Website (www.albertasoccer.com) under the Referee Tab on main page:

- District Referee Assistant (DRA)
- Referee Development Team (RDT)
- Referee Development Lead
(mpasternak@albertasoccer.com)

“Ask a Referee” – Alberta Soccer Website

- <https://albertasoccer.com/referee/ask-a-referee/>



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