



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Proposed Amendment to MSYSA Rule 5.3 (F); Proposed by Tom Faro, MSYSA Executive Director

Date Submitted: 5/22/23.

To Be Effective: 5/22/23.

I. Current Rule:

Rule 5.3 Disciplinary Rulings, and Minimum Punishments

F. **Misconduct toward a Referee.** Any player, coach, manager, or official committing some misconduct as defined by USSF Policy 531-9 shall be dealt with in accordance with that policy. Reporting procedures are included in the policy.

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2. Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: Using foul or abusive language toward a referee; spewing any beverage on a referee's property; spitting at (but not on) the referee; or verbally threatening a referee.
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II. How the Rule Would Be Changed*:

****Remove crossed out verbiage and insert updated verbiage from US Soccer Policy 531-9.***

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~~3. Referee assault involves physical contact with the referee, or the referee's uniform or personal property.~~

3. a. Referee assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee.

b. For purposes of this policy, "intentional act" shall mean an act intended to bring about a result which will invade the interests of another in a way that is socially unacceptable. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.

4. Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into a referee; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee's uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc.

III. **Rationale:**

These changes are necessary to maintain consistency with US Soccer Policy.

Outcome:

MSYSA Board of Director's Approved, 5/22/23