



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

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

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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.
1. Referee abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.
 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 personal property; or spitting at (but not on) the referee.
 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.

II. How the Rule Would Be Changed:

Remove verbiage in current rule that may not be included in the relevant USSF policy 531-9.

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III. Rationale:

This change is to ensure 'misconduct' is consistently defined as specified in US Soccer Policy.

IV. Outcome:

MSYSA Board of Director's Approved, 1-27-25.