

That Did Not WORK

Now What!

# Actions That “Cross the Line”

The following is a list of actions that require the referee to “dismiss” the appropriate person from the technical area according to USSF directives:

- Coach/bench personnel leaving technical area which includes entering the field to dispute/dissent a call
- Coach/bench personnel throwing/kicking anything while disputing a call

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- Coach/bench personnel kicking/hitting advertising boards or bench in dispute of a call
- Directed abusive, insulting or offensive language and/or gestures
- Inflammatory and/or aggressive behavior (verbal and/or physical) with the opposition
- Interfering with the restart of play and field players

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- Making unwanted and/or aggressive contact with opposing players
- Interfering with the AR or fourth official in the performance of their duties

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Non-Playing personnel (everyone except players, substitutes or substituted players) are **not** shown the red or yellow card. The referee identifies the individual and then advises that they are now to leave the Technical Area. Dismissal of non-playing personnel should be written as “irresponsible behavior” and specific details noted on the game report or supplemental report.

# Assignor's Expectations

- Center Referee defend your Assistant Referees from abuse or physical threats.
- Assistant Referees let your Center Referee know what is happening on the touchline? When threatened or abused notify the center referee immediately.
- Any threat of physical violence to the Center Referee and/or the Assistant Referee from spectators, players, and/or bench personnel is grounds for termination of the match.

# Expectations

- When “Irresponsible Behavior” occurs on the bench and fails to stop after the “Ask and Tell” method is used, then the bench personnel will be dismissed (“Remove” step) and leave the venue.
- Match shall not start until the dismissed personnel leaves the venue. If he/she returns, stop the match
- If dismissed bench personnel refuses to leave in a reasonable time frame (2 to 5 minutes), terminate the match.

# Expectations

- Submit Supplemental Report to Assignor for review. Document the reason the bench personnel was removed. What did he/she do (name required), when did it happen, what did you do, and any other information which is pertinent to the situation?
- Submit a Supplemental Report to the proper authorities
- For High School submit report on [WOA-Officials.com](http://WOA-Officials.com)
- For Youth submit supplemental report on [WASRC.org/Referee/Misconduct](http://WASRC.org/Referee/Misconduct)



# Take Ownership of the Match

- League officials shall not be asked to deal with bench personnel irresponsible behavior.
- League officials are not your friends and should not be expected to help you.
- When inappropriate behavior is occurring in the bench area do not involve third parties to solve the problem.
- The referee crew needs to solve the problem.