

Procedure in Case of Referee Assault

The following is the procedure that ***MUST*** be followed in the event of an assault on a referee:

1. If the game was in progress, the referee ***IMMEDIATELY*** terminates the contest. Under ***NO*** circumstances is the game to be completed.
2. If a person with a pass (coach/player/trainer) was involved, and the referee can safely do so, display the red card. Again, if safety permits, after retaining the offender(s) card(s), the referee may return the others unless the local rules require the referee to retain all passes (using an intermediary is a good method to avoid any further problems). However, even if the referee cannot display the red card or retain the passes, a Supplemental Game Report still is to be submitted detailing the assault and the misconduct (dismissal/send off).
3. If contact was of a nature that a crime was possibly committed (physical assault i.e. being struck, bumped, pushed, or spat upon), the referee is to contact local law enforcement immediately and fill out a formal complaint at the venue. This way, any witnesses who can support the referee's story will be on record with the police as well.
4. As soon as possible (preferably same day) the referee is to contact the president of **your** local referee association: the SRA (Howard Rubenstein Phone: (937) 748-1424, email: sarah340@aol.com); the SYRA (Ray Wolfe phone: (516) 488-1883, email: rhrmwolfe@verizon.net); and the ENY State Association President (Adult Game: Sal Rapaglia, phone: (917)371-5188 email: shopgirlar17@aol.com – Youth Game: Richard Christiano, phone: (516)766-0849, email: lakeville1@verizon.net). Contact should preferably be by phone.
5. Fill out a USSF Referee Game and Supplemental Report and submit to the proper State governing body (ENYYSA, ENYSASA) for the match. Be clear and complete, but calm and unemotional. Make ***NO*** recommendations or suggestions as to what you feel should be done. Simply state the facts. Be sure to send copies to all three individuals in step listed in Step 4.
6. Await contact by either the SRA or the State office about further proceedings. Be sure to proceed with any charges with local law enforcement.

Please note that these are ENY state requirements and must be followed!!