



**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

State Referee Committee Members,

Please reinforce to your instructors the ‘Sending-off Offenses’ listed in Law 12 as part of the training of match officials. U.S. Soccer Referee Program’s modules on Law 12-Fouls and Misconduct in the [Grade 9 and Grade 8 Online Course](#) can be used as a starting point. Subsequently, a discussion must follow and focus on how to handle situations in which a player or coach decides to use, “offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures.” A player is sent-off for using “offensive, insulting, and abusive language and/or gestures,” and a coach is dismissed for irresponsible behavior.

In addition, instructors can reference U.S. Soccer Referee Program’s [YouTube Video Series](#) on Supplemental Referee Game Reports to discuss report writing. Thank you for helping our referees improve their officiating skills, specifically in communicating clearly and confidently that racist behavior has no place in our beautiful game.

Best Regards,  
U.S. Soccer Referee Program