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MLS NEXT

Dealing with Reported Incidents of Discriminatory Language or Actions

Guidance to Match Officials

What do you do...

HAVE HEARD/SEEN THE DEROGATORY SLUR OR BEHAVIOR

1. Immediately issue a Red Card
2. Inform coaches

What do you do...

HAVEN'T HEARD/SEEN DEROGATORY SLUR

1. Make sure the player making the allegation is given time and space to fully explain the situation
2. Consult with other members of the referee crew to establish if they witnessed the incident
3. Notify coaches, bring coaches to the side, **stop game**
4. Direct coaches to bring team together and discuss

How do I report incident...

1. Add incident information in the MODULAR11 match report (Notes Section)
2. **Select the Disciplinary Issue checkbox** on the MODULAR11 match report
3. Notify Match Operations Hotline at halftime or after the match (646-682-5999)
 - Field/Time/Match Number
 - You may be asked to complete a Supplemental Report
4. **Be sure the report describes in detail the incident – specific language and action**
 - Include any specific language or gestures
 - Include the actions taken by the Referee crew for the specific incident



BANNED TERMS

MLS NEXT has a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination or harassment against anyone based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disabilities

Banned Terms (non-exhaustive)			
B*tty Boy	Bean*r	Ch*nk	Cr*cker
C*nt	F*g	F*ggot	H*mo
Mar*con	Monkey	N*gro	N*gga
N*gger	P*ssy	P*to	Rag He*d
Sl*nt	Sp*c	That's so g*y	Wetb*ck
Jewb*y	That's r*tarded	Black Boy	White Boy