

RED CARD TO COACH INCIDENT

Referee viewpoint on game:

Coach complained incessantly, about most calls (*handball and touch fouls were his favorites*). He also wanted the first half extended, as his player was driving down the sideline (at about midfield) when time expired. Tried to explain how the clock was managed, but he didn't hear it.

The end of game issue was, he wanted the game extended for his corner. Didn't believe ending the game with an upcoming corner was correct (would have taken us well past time).

Coach's viewpoint on game:

I would like to outline my description of the situation in consideration ,of an appeal of the straight red card, *I receive..*

The game was winding down while our team, down a goal was pushing for a tie and our boys were awarded a corner kick. As our guys rushed and went to set up to get the ball back in play the official of note blew the final whistle. While I understand the rule in black and white, the fact remains that time is kept on the field and is in the discretion of the referee. Time is added all the time for many different reasons. It was and is my belief that the spirit of the game, and the way it is called throughout the rest of the world, that the official could have found 5 seconds for a chance on goal that was earned.

While I am more than willing to accept that I lost my temper and made it very clear to the official in question. At no point did I ever use profane or abusive language. There was no name calling or threatening. I did not get in the official's face, make any contact or pretend as if I was going too. In fact, I never got closer than seven yards away. In addition, I said my piece, albeit very loudly, had my back turned and was walking away from said official when a straight red card was given. To be clear, I was done and walking away.

In addition, there were no prior incidents during the match where I was given a yellow card, or was verbally warned in any way. In fact, I would say that other than this decision at the end of the match the game was evenly officiated . I did not have an issue, nor do I think they cost us the match.

While I may not like the decision to end the game there, I do have to live with it. I can accept that. I do not however believe , that I even remotely approached the threshold ,that would warrant a straight red card .