



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael Wendt, President Section VI
Section VI Executive Committee

FROM: Tom Cowan, Officials Coordinator Section VI

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Greg Kaszubski, President ECIC

SUBJECT: Lackawanna Boys Soccer 2008 Final Report

DATE: October 31, 2008

I have reviewed all of the game reports filed by the three person Sportsmanship Council charged with evaluating the 2008 Lackawanna Boys Soccer program. I am very pleased to report that the team, under the leadership of Mr. Jacob Minniefield, Athletic Director and Tom Kacalski, Head Coach has made exceptional progress in developing a credible sportsmanship improvement program during 2008 Season.

I have enclosed* a blank copy of the basic game report filed for each contest. Several comments / observations posted by the council include:

- During the eleven game season the team was issued two yellow cards. Observers felt both to be very minor in nature.
- The requirement to provide administrative support at every contest was fulfilled. In many cases security support was also afforded.
- The newly appointed coaching staff was supportive of the council's efforts and often reflected many of the positive characteristics deemed to be goals for this program.
- General comments found on game report:
 - > "Enthusiastic home spectators, no problems"
 - > "Plenty of supervision present, potentially rowdy spectators well controlled."
 - > (9/15/08) "Game was very competitive with both teams demonstrating good sportsmanship."
 - > "Student athletes' behavior and conduct was exemplary."
 - > "I felt the coach did a good job, the players responded well to his leadership."

A special "thank you" will be forwarded to the members of the sportsmanship review council for their diligence in this matter: Reports were thorough and timely. As a result I have authorized payment to each council member for services rendered. As chairperson of the council I would also recommend that

Section VI review / reevaluate item #4 of 12/7/06 Sportsmanship Review Council Report (enclosed*) describing "restrictions, penalties and requirements "as they relate to the '09 and '10 seasons.

In closing I would like to congratulate and thank the leadership at Lackawanna High School for their assistance and cooperation in pursuing the sportsmanship goals outlined by the Section VI Sportsmanship Review Council dated 12/7/06.

Enclosures* (2) These items originally sent to the addressees will not be posted on the Section VI website. They are available to Council members upon request.