



EPSARC Update October 16, 2020

In this week's update we have information about:

- **Cavan Irvine Memorial Scholarship Fund**
- **New U.S. Soccer Position Papers**
- **Official Sports Gear**

Cavan Irvine Memorial Scholarship Fund

Cavan Irvine, 26, of York, PA passed away peacefully on October 5, 2020.

He was a referee of youth soccer starting at the age of 14 and worked his way up to be a referee of high level games and PIAA events. In 2012 he was named EPYSA Youth Referee of the Year.

Friends and family have created a GoFundMe campaign for a scholarship fund to continue the ideals that Cavan demonstrated and to support a local school graduate that has exemplified leadership, volunteer experience, and a drive to learn.

You can donate by following this link - [Cavan Irvine Memorial Scholarship](#)

You can read more about Cavan by following this link - [Cavan Irvine](#)



New U.S. Soccer Position Papers

Over the past couple of months U.S. Soccer has released two new position papers:

1. I Got the Ball
2. Using Offensive, Insulting or Abuse Language and or Gestures

I Got the Ball has been updated from 2011 using modern language and terminology from the current Laws of the Game.

Remember "getting the ball" cannot be used as an excuse for committing a tackle that is

out of control.

You can find the entire Position Paper on our website under Publications or by following the link - http://www.epsarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/US-Soccer_-I-Got-the-Ball.pdf

Using Offensive, Insulting or Abuse Language and or Gestures was just updated in September 2020 to include modern day terms. Referees should evaluate three critical areas when determining if misconduct is warranted:

1. The specific words and/or gestures used.
2. The audibility or visibility of the language.
3. Specifically targeted language.

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Official Sports Gear

Do you need new jerseys? Do you need a new mask? Looking for something to add to your list for Santa?

Check out [Official Sports International](#) for all your refereeing needs.

[2020-2021 Laws of the Game Changes](#)

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The Laws of the Game now fit in your pocket! The International Football Association Board (IFAB) has put together a great iPhone and Android app with the Laws of the Game and more...definitely worth downloading!

Simply go to the App Store in iOS or the Google Play Store and search "Laws of the Game".

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For the Good of the Game.
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