

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO.:

TIERE GOER,

Plaintiff,

v.

FLORIDA ELITE FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING, INC.,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

The Plaintiff, TIERE GOER, by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby sues Defendant, FLORIDA ELITE FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING, INC., and in support thereof, states as follows:

Jurisdictional Allegations

1. This is an action for damages in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), exclusive of interest, attorney's fees and costs.
2. The Plaintiff, TIERE GOER, was and is a resident of the State of Florida, is over the age of eighteen, and is *sui juris*.
3. The Defendant, FLORIDA ELITE FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "ELITE FOOTBALL") is a Florida for profit Corporation

incorporated in Pasco County, Florida. At all material times, ELITE FOOTBALL operated, managed, maintained, directed, and controlled the sports league at issue.

4. Venue is proper in Palm Beach Country, Florida, as the incident giving rise to this action occurred within this jurisdiction.

Statement of Facts

5. On October 18, 2025, the Plaintiff, TIERE GOER, was acting in his official capacity as a referee during a youth football game held in Palm Beach County, Florida.

6. The game was organized, sanctioned, supervised, and controlled by the Defendant, ELITE FOOTBALL.

7. The game involved two youth football teams, the “Goulds” a Miami-based team and another youth football team from Boca Raton, both of which were participating under the authority and control of ELITE FOOTBALL.

8. During the course of the game, the Plaintiff threw a flag for unsportsmanlike conduct, which is a routine and foreseeable aspect of officiating a youth football game.

9. Immediately following the call, a parent affiliated with the Goulds Team aggressively charged the Plaintiff, attempting to initiate a physical altercation with him.

10. As the parent aggressively charged toward the Plaintiff in a threatening manner, the Plaintiff reasonably believed he was about to suffer imminent bodily harm.

11. In response the Plaintiff attempted to defend himself by using only such force as was reasonably necessary to protect his own safety and to prevent the parent from striking him. The Plaintiff’s defensive actions were undertaken solely in response to the immediate threat posed by the charging parent.

12. As the Plaintiff attempted to protect himself, he was swarmed by multiple parents and spectators affiliated with Goulds Team, who joined in the confrontation, surrounded him, and violently attacked him.

13. The assailants knocked the Plaintiff to the ground, piled on top of him, kicked and struck him repeatedly, pulled his hair, restrained his movement, and rendered him unable to escape or adequately defend himself while the attack continued.

14. The Plaintiff was viciously beaten by multiple attackers and suffered facial lacerations and other serious bodily injuries.

15. As a direct result of the attack, the Plaintiff required medical treatment, missed work at his other employment, and suffered significant pain, emotional distress, and trauma.

16. At all relevant times, ELITE FOOTBALL knew or should have known that youth football games, particularly those involving Goulds Team, posed a heightened risk of violent confrontations involving parents and spectators.

17. Prior to October 18, 2025, ELITE FOOTBALL, was on notice of multiple violent and dangerous incidents involving the Goulds Team, including but not limited to prior fights and physical altercations at Gould's games, multiple ejections for unsportsmanlike and aggressive behavior, serious safety incidents, including shootings at prior games or locations where the Goulds Team participated, and objections and safety concerns raised by other parks, leagues, and organizations regarding participating with Goulds Team.

18. Despite this tumultuous history, ELITE FOOTBALL continued to allow the Goulds Team to participate in its league, without implementing adequate safety measures to protect referees, players, or spectators.

19. ELITE FOOTBALL failed to provide reasonable security, crowd control, supervision, or enforcement mechanisms at the game, despite knowing that referees are frequent targets of hostility and aggression from spectators.

20. Furthermore, prior to the incident, ELITE FOOTBALL failed to remove or even discipline the Goulds Team, despite repeated violent incidents. Moreover, ELITE FOOTBALL, despite notice of the violent actions related to the Goulds Team, failed to provide trained security personnel at games involving Goulds Team, enforce spectator conduct policies, implement procedures to immediately intervene in or prevent violent confrontations or at minimum protect the referees from foreseeable assaults arising out of these known dangers.

21. The violent attack on the Plaintiff was foreseeable, preventable, and a direct result of ELITE FOOTBALL's failure to take reasonable steps to address known dangers.

22. Due to the negligent actions on the part of ELITE FOOTBALL, the Plaintiff has been forced to hire the undersigned law firm and is now responsible for its reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

COUNT I – NEGLIGENCE

23. The Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 21 as if fully set forth herein.

24. At all relevant times, the Defendant owed the Plaintiff a duty of reasonable care, including the duty to provide a reasonably safe environment for referees officiating games under its control, to protect referees from foreseeable violent acts by spectators and parents, to implement reasonable security and safety measures in light of known risks and properly supervise and control participants, spectators, and affiliated individuals at games.

25. The Defendant knew or should have known that violent confrontations involving parents and spectators were a foreseeable risk, particularly in games involving Goulds Team, given the documented history of prior violent incidents.

26. The Defendant breached its duty of care by, among other things, allowing Goulds Team to participate in its league, despite repeated prior violent incidents and safety objections. Moreover, failing to provide adequate security or crowd control at the game, failing to enforce spectators' conduct rules or remove aggressive individuals, failing to implement safety protocols to protect referees, failing to intervene promptly when the initial confrontation occurred, and by placing the Plaintiff in a dangerous situation without reasonable protections despite known and foreseeable danger.

27. The Defendant's breaches created an unreasonable risk of harm to the Plaintiff.

28. And as a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's negligence, the Plaintiff suffered physical injuries, including facial lacerations, pain and suffering, medical expenses, lost wages and loss of earning capacity, emotional distress and mental anguish.

29. The Defendant's conduct demonstrated a reckless disregard for the safety of referees, including the Plaintiff, by knowingly ignoring prior warnings and violent incidents.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TIERE GOER, respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in his favor and against Defendant FLORIDA ELITE FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING, INC, award damages in excess of \$50,000.00, plus costs, interest, and such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

The Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues raised in the Complaint

Dated this 20th day of January 2026.

DESIGNATION OF EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE

(Pursuant to Rule 2.516 Fla. R. Jud. Admin.)

The undersigned attorneys of Sasson Law Firm hereby designate the following Email Addresses for service in the above styled matter. Service shall be complete upon emailing to the following email addresses in this Designation, provided that the provisions of Rule 2.516 are followed.

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