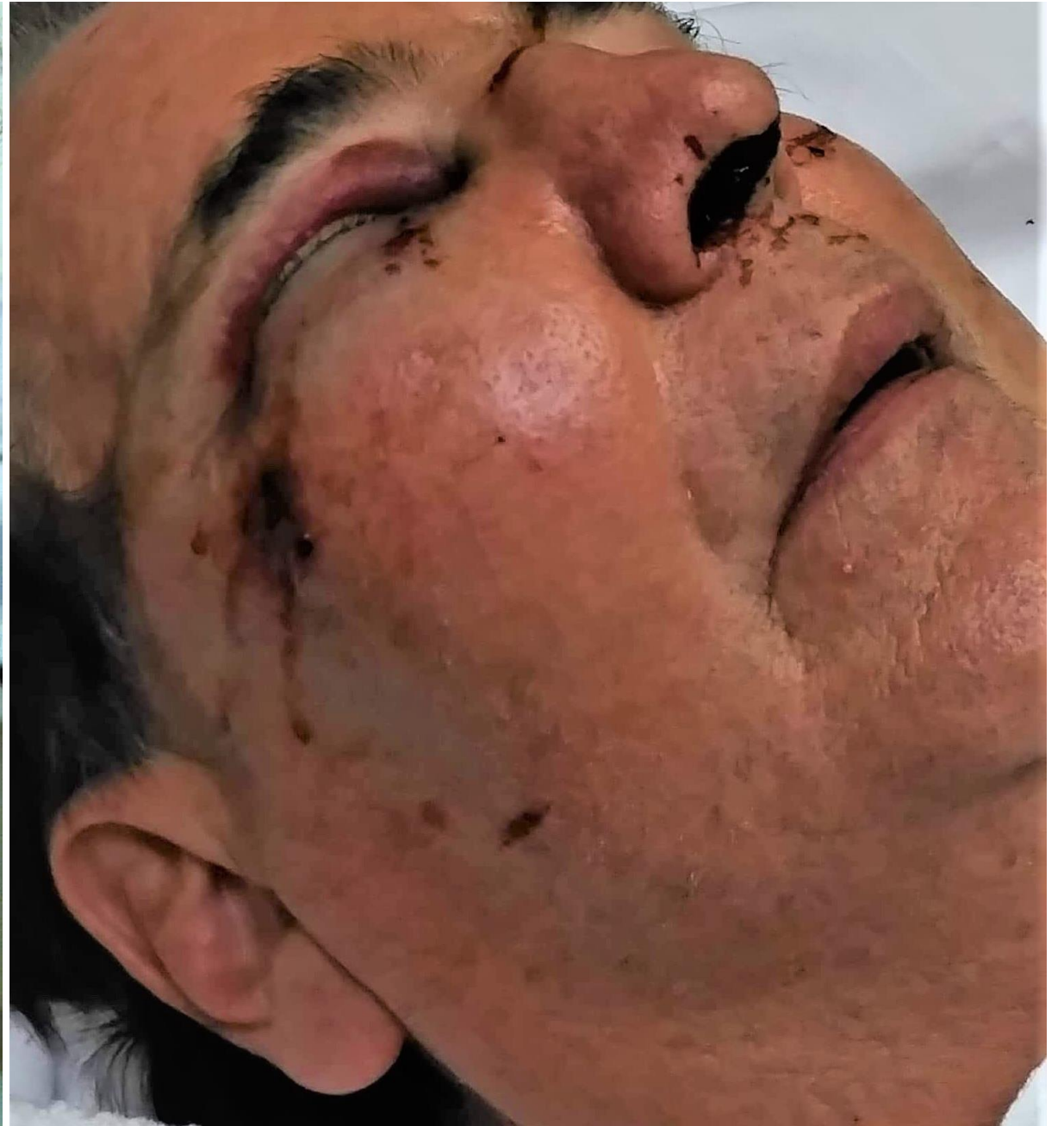




- 13% of officials have been assaulted by either a fan, coach or player.
- Two recreation league soccer officials in Utah and Michigan died after being punched by players (2014-2016).
- Nearly 48% of male officials and 45% of female officials have felt unsafe or feared for their safety in connection to officiating.
- 57% of responding officials feel that sportsmanship is getting worse.
- 24 states already have assault legislation, civil statues and/or supportive resolutions protecting and supporting sports officials.
- Butch Cope, KHSAA, says they are seeing about 100 fewer officials each year. In part, because of the treatment of these sports officials.
- In Kentucky, the number of sports officials has dropped from 4,299 to 3,678 in recent years—this is the lowest it has been since 2002.
- KHSAA officials have steadily decreased by 15% since the 2012-2013 season.
 - These numbers are specific for Kentucky, but this has been the case across the entire country.
- Most new officials quit within 1 to 3 years; this has pushed the average age of officials to 53 years old.



ETHNICITY, GENDER AND PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY*

A 11.33%

OF MALE RESPONDENTS HAVE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE OR THREATENED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIATING COMMUNITY.

B 47.94%

OF MALE RESPONDENTS HAVE FELT UNSAFE OR FEARED FOR THEIR SAFETY BECAUSE OF ADMINISTRATOR, COACH, PLAYER OR SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR.



C 20.58%

OF FEMALE RESPONDENTS HAVE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE OR THREATENED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIATING COMMUNITY.

D 44.74%

OF FEMALE RESPONDENTS HAVE FELT UNSAFE OR FEARED FOR THEIR SAFETY BECAUSE OF ADMINISTRATOR, COACH, PLAYER OR SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR.

MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN

47 MALES 2 FEMALES

A 17.02% B 57.45% C N/A D 50.00%

HISPANIC, LATINO OR SPANISH ORIGIN

427 MALES 37 FEMALES

A 16.16% B 52.69% C 29.73% D 51.35%

ASIAN

117 MALES 17 FEMALES

A 13.68% B 49.57% C 23.53% D 41.18%

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN

539 MALES 65 FEMALES

A 12.99% B 44.53% C 23.08% D 53.85%

WHITE

11,174 MALES 945 FEMALES

A 10.74% B 47.91% C 19.58% D 43.81%

OTHER RACES

203 MALES 22 FEMALES

A 18.72% B 52.71% C 36.36% D 59.09%

*Numbers and percentages shown are based on the respondents that chose to answer the relevant questions.

This problem spans across all races, genders, and ethnicities.