

**Ala. Code 1975, §13A-11-144(d)**

**Assault of a Sports Official in the Third Degree**

The defendant is charged with assault of a sports official in the third degree.

A person commits assault of a sports official in the third degree if he/she commits the crime of assault in the third degree and the victim is a sports official performing official duties and the assault is a result of the official performing his/her official duties.

To convict, the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- (1) The defendant committed the crime of assault in the third degree against another person, [insert name]
- (2) The victim was a sports official performing official duties;

**(AND)**

- (3) The assault was a result of the official performing his/her official duties.

**[Insert applicable pattern instruction for 13A-6-22 Assault in the Third Degree]**

A *sports official* is a person at a sports event who enforces the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. [13A-11-144(a)]

A *sports event* includes any interscholastic or intramural athletic activity in a primary, middle, junior high, or high school, college, or university, any organized athletic activity sponsored by a community, business, or nonprofit organization, any athletic activity that is a professional or semiprofessional event, and any other organized athletic activity in the state. [13A-11-144(a)]

If you find from the evidence that the State has proved beyond a reasonable doubt each of the above elements of assault of a sports official in the third degree, then you shall find the defendant guilty of assault of a sports official in the third degree.

If you find that the State has failed to prove any one or more of the elements of assault of a sports official in the third degree, then you cannot find the defendant guilty of assault of a sports official in the third degree.

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