

ECSA

Referee's Code of Conduct

Refereeing ECSA Soccer games is a privilege. To ensure a safe environment for all soccer participants, referees have been given special responsibilities and are therefore expected to act with professionalism and courtesy at all times.

As referees, we will set a good example for everyone in their soccer development by adhering at all times to the following:

- Always remember that the game is for the players. Player safety and fair play come first.
- Study and learn the Laws of the Game and be aware of all changes. Understand the "spirit" of the Laws. Help fellow referees do the same.
- Wear the proper uniform and keep it in good condition. Always be neat in appearance.
- Understand that any criticism of a referee should be limited to constructive criticism in quiet, private referee-to-referee discussions and never within hearing distant of players, coaches, or spectators.
- Respect other referees' decisions.
- Perform designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics, course, etc. Assist their colleagues in upgrading and improving their standards of officiating, instructing and assessing.
- Honor accepted match assignments. In an emergency, find a replacement.
- Maintain good physical and mental condition so you can keep up with the action.
- Support good sportsmanship with a kind word to players, coaches and parents of both teams when deserved.
- Always be fair and impartial, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.
- Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches and parents.
- Conduct themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play and shall, by example, endeavor to inspire the true principles of fair play and earn the respect of those whom they serve.