



MATCH OFFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

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Match Officials having certain privileges through and by Big Country Soccer Association, with respect to the game, shall realize and respect their responsibilities and duties to Big Country Soccer Association and the game. Big Country Soccer Association endorses The Canadian Soccer Association's "Code of Ethics" for Match Officials.

Specifically, Match Officials shall:

- 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.
- Not cause Big Country Soccer Association and its members to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which they officiate.
- Adhere to all standards and directives established by FIFA, Canada Soccer Association, Alberta Soccer Association, and Big Country Soccer Association.
- Always be neat in appearance (clean, complete uniform and appropriate badge) and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness.
- Study the Laws of the Game and be aware of all changes and shall enforce all said Laws and changes.
- Perform their designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics and lectures, etc., and shall assist their colleagues in upgrading and improving their standards of officiating, instructing, and assessing.
- Honor any appointments made for and accepted by them unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency.
- Not accept any appointment to officiate in unsanctioned events.
- Not publicly criticize other referees or any soccer association nor shall they make any statements to the media related to any game in which they were involved.
- Stay free of conflicts of interest and report any conflict of interest that could arise to the Referee Coordinator and/ or the Big Country Soccer Association President and/ or Vice-President in a timely manner.
- Comply with the Big Country Soccer Association "Smoke-Free Sport Policy" (*Ref: BCSA-POL-012*) and "Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Policy" (*Ref: BCSA-POL-017*).
- Be fair, equitable, considerate, independent, honest, and impartial in all dealings with others.
- When writing reports, set out the true facts and not attempt to justify any decisions.
- Be subject to disciplinary action for not complying with this Code of Conduct.