

Code of Conduct for Officials

I will:

- ✓ place the safety and welfare of players above all else while showing concern and caution towards sick and injured players
- ✓ prepare myself both physically and mentally for my role
- ✓ be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- ✓ accept responsibility for my actions and decisions
- ✓ avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest, recognizing that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided. Gifts, favours, economic advantage, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with an association or team that can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided
- ✓ be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive
- ✓ be a good sport because I understand that actions speak louder than words
- ✓ always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials
- ✓ keep up to date with the latest 'Laws of the Game', trends and principles of their application through clinics, exams and other means of professional development
- ✓ display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal
- ✓ refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players, coaches or other officials
- ✓ respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, race, religion, ability or cultural background

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