



## Referee Code of Conduct

**We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game.**

In various national surveys, behavior was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behavior by over-competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The NMYSA “**Caution: Children @ Play**” program is aimed at tackling unacceptable behavior across the whole game.

The behavior of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game—both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe this Code of Conduct for Referees at all time.

### **When officiating I will:**

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behavior, foul play and other misconduct
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behavior and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games which I officiate

**I understand that breaches of the Code may result in action being taken by my League and/or my State Association.**

