



## WOSC Referee Code of Conduct

To ensure a safe environment for all participants, referees have been given special responsibilities and are, therefore, expected to always act with professionalism and courtesy. Specifically, referees shall:

- Conduct themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play and shall, by example, endeavour to inspire the true principles of fair-play and earn the respect of all participants.
- Not accept any game appointments involving an immediate family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, parent) who is a player, coach, or team official in a particular league/division.
- Study the Laws of the Game and the competition rules and be aware of all changes and updates.
- Always be neat in appearance and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness.
- Perform their designated responsibilities and assist their colleagues in upgrading and improving their standards of refereeing.
- Honour any appointments made for and accepted by them, unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency.
- Provide the appropriate authorities with a match report which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players, and/or team officials and any other incidents which occurred before, during or after the match.
- Not publicly criticize other referees or any soccer organization nor shall they make any public statements related to any game in which they were involved.
- Not cause WOSC to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules, regulations, standards and directives of the club.
- Be subject to disciplinary action for not complying with this Code of Conduct.