

Code of Conduct for Officials

- ✓ Must treat everyone fairly and sensitively, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religion or political affiliation.
- ✓ Be consistent, objective, impartial and courteous when applying the rules of the event.
- ✓ Compliment all competitors on good play when the opportunity arises.
- ✓ Encourage all participants to play within the rules and the spirit of the event / competition.
- ✓ Try to ensure that the event/competition is allowed to flow with only as many stoppages as is necessary.
- ✓ Show patience and understanding towards students who may be learning the event / competition.
- ✓ Not be afraid to take decisions. An official should be fair and firm and must resist any possible influence from protests on the part of students, team officials or spectators.
- ✓ Show respect towards students and team officials.
- ✓ Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the students or team officials involved in the event / competition.
- ✓ Inform the person or body directly responsible if unable to officiate for any reason.
- ✓ Refrain from requesting hospitality of any kind, or accept any hospitality offered and considered to be excessive.
- ✓ Always have regard to the best interests of the game / competition, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game / competition or any particular aspect of it, including others involved.
- ✓ Do not tolerate foul, sexist or racist language from students, officials, spectators.
- ✓ The powers of an official must be used with wise judgment and care. Authority and a firm approach must be combined with respect.
- ✓ An official should have regard to protecting the participants.
- ✓ An official should show due respect when speaking with the participants, even in the event of infringements.
- ✓ In reports, an official should set out the true facts and not attempt to justify any decisions.
- ✓ It is necessary for the official's authority to be protected, not only for the sake of the event/competition, but also in the interest of fellow officials. This protection should, however, not influence the overriding regard for protection of the participants.
- ✓ An official should refrain from publicly expressing any criticism of fellow officials.
- ✓ An official should assist with the development of less experienced officials and assistant officials.