



CODE OF CONDUCT: REFEREES

It is a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation, United States Youth Soccer Association, Kentucky Youth Soccer Association, and Oldham Youth Soccer. My action shall always reflection credit upon these organizations and their affiliates.

Referees (including Assistant Referees) are responsible for the safety of the players and coaches during a match. Referees must know the laws of the game and enforce them fairly. They have the responsibility for upholding the laws and spirit of the game. Referees must show respect for the players, coaches and the game itself.

Referees are expected to always maintain the utmost respect for the game.

Referees are expected to conduct themselves honorably at all time and maintain the dignity of his/her position.

Referees are expected to always honor an assignment or any other contractual obligation.

Referees are expected to attend training sessions, meetings and clinics so as to know the Laws of the game, their proper interpretation and their application.

Referees are expected to strive to achieve maximum teamwork with fellow officials.

Referees are expected to show respect for other referees, coaches and players and never promote criticism of them.

Referees are expected to be in good physical shape.

Referees are expected to control players, coaches and Parents/Spectators effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness.

Referees are expected to do their utmost to assist fellow officials to better themselves and their work.

Referees are expected to not make statements about any game except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game.

Referees are expected to not discriminate against nor take any undo advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Referees are expected to disclose any and all potential conflicts prior to accepting games that might affect their ability to be totally impartial.

*Referee section taken in part from the National Referee Handbook, USSF Policy 531-11(C),I