



Alberta Soccer Association

Governing Body of Soccer in the Province of Alberta

CODE OF ETHICS FOR REFEREES

The Alberta Soccer Association is aware of its responsibility towards its referees and, having granted certain privileges to referees, it is obliged to ensure such individuals realize and respect responsibilities and duties.

Specifically, an Alberta referee :

1. Shall conduct him/herself with dignity both on and off the field of play and shall, by his/her example, endeavour to inspire the true principles of sportsmanship and to earn the respect of those whom he/she serves.
2. Shall not cause the Association to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which he officiates.
3. Shall adhere to all Provincial standards and directives.
4. Shall always be neat in appearance and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness.
5. Shall study the Laws of the Game and be aware of all changes, and shall enforce all said laws and changes.
6. Shall perform his/her designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics, meetings, lectures, etc., and shall assist his/her fellow referees to upgrade and improve their standard of officiating.
7. Shall honour any appointments made for and accepted by him/her unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency.
8. Shall not publicly criticize other referees or any soccer association.
9. Shall not make public statement to the media (newspaper, T.V., radio, etc.) relating to any game officiated by him/her or regarding the quality of the match or the performance of the teams and its players.
10. Shall follow the correct lines of communication, by addressing all questions or concerns to the A.S.A. either through the A.S.A. office or to a member of the A.S.A. Referee Standing Committee.
11. Shall be subject to disciplinary action for not complying with this Code of Ethics.

Please note that, inasmuch as referees register directly with the A.S.A., they come directly under the A.S.A. jurisdiction should disciplinary action be required.

A local District or league that has complaints against an A.S.A. registered referee is obligated to forward those complaints in writing to the A.S.A. office for action. A local District or league does have the right to choose not to schedule an A.S.A. registered referee for games in that District or league.