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REFEREES CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR

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The ideal referee is one who notices everything, but is seldom noticed himself:

You, as a referee, are charged with the following:

- Insuring fairness by enforcing the rules and laws of the game
- Minimizing the possibility of injury to all involved
- Controlling the conduct of the game
- Controlling the temperament of the crowd

Therefore, as a good soccer referee you **MUST:**

1. Have a good understanding of the rules, rule changes and mechanics of officiating.
2. Be on time for the game. Allow enough time for a pre-game conference with your fellow official(s); Cover all pre-game duties properly.
3. Be proud of your appearance - LOOK and ACT like a referee.
4. Be well equipped with a coin, whistle, watch, red and yellow cards, rulebook, game card and pencil. These are absolute necessities.
5. Be prepared to be physically in the game and mentally alert. Stay on top of the play, but out of the way.
6. *** Do not use tobacco products while participating in SAY activities. Do not participate in SAY activities while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs!**
7. *** Do not use abusive language or profanity at any time.**
8. Address all players by their numbers and coaches by the title "Coach", "Sir", "Mrs.",

etc. Never use first names while performing as a referee.

9. Do not socialize, in a manner that could be perceived as showing favoritism, with the coaches, players or fans immediately before, during or immediately after the game. Stay with your fellow official(s).
10. Present an air of authority (not superiority). Respect the coaches and players and inform them you expect the same in return. Always be courteous and considerate, but do not sacrifice firmness.
11. Always deal firmly with actions that could result in injury to a player. You will maintain control of the game by good refereeing.
- 12. * Do not place your hands on a player, coach or fan. They may misconstrue the action and become aggressive.**
13. During and/or after the game, do not make statements to players, coaches or spectators about the game except to clarify a rule interpretation. Never hesitate to explain rules and calls, but only at appropriate times.
14. Maintain you're "cool" with coaches, players and fans. **DO NOT ARGUE OR ACT AGGRESIVELY!**
15. Be professional with fellow officials. **DO NOT** discuss other officials with coaches. Constructive Criticism must be directed in private to the official concerned.

* Failure to adhere to these items shall be treated as serious violations of the Bay – Lakes Code of Ethics for referees. Referees charged with serious violations shall not referee any games until the complaint has been resolved.

Failure to do any of the above may result in disciplinary action. Discipline may consist of an official letter to the individual who has violated the code, mandatory assessment of performance with forfeiture of game fees to the assessor, suspension of game assignments, or for serious or repeated violations, discontinued use of the referee.