

Code of Conduct

Young & District Football Referees Branch

To ensure a safe environment for all Football participants, Young & District Football Referees Branch (YDFRB) members have been given special responsibilities and are therefore expected to act with professionalism and courtesy at all times. The following Code of Conduct is to be used as a guide to assist with compliance:

Game Officials

- ☞ Game Officials shall conduct themselves with dignity and professionalism, both on and off the field of play.
- ☞ Study and learn the laws of the Game and understand the "spirit" of the Laws.
- ☞ Strive to improve the quality of refereeing by assisting and encouraging other member referees.
- ☞ Provide an environment that is supportive of the recreational enjoyment to the officiating referee.
- ☞ **Respect other referees' decisions and do not publicly criticise another official.**
- ☞ Do not publicly criticize other officials or any Football association.
- ☞ Adhere to all standards and directives of YDFRB.
- ☞ **Wear the proper uniform and keep it in good condition. Always be neat in appearance.**
- ☞ Maintain good physical condition so you can keep up with the action.
- ☞ Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches and parents.
- ☞ **Honour game appointments. If unavailable for an allotted appointment, you must give a minimum of 48hrs notice.**
- ☞ Support good sportsmanship with a kind word to players, coaches and parents of both teams when deserved.
- ☞ **Always be fair and impartial, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.**
- ☞ Not cause YDFRB to become involved in any controversial matters.
- ☞ Abide by the rules and regulations of the competition in which they officiate.