

## Code of Conduct for Match Officials

To ensure a safe environment for all soccer participants, Match Officials have been given special responsibilities and are therefore expected to act with professionalism and courtesy at all times.

Match Officials having certain privileges through and by The Ontario Soccer Association (OSA), with respect to the game, shall realize and respect their responsibilities and duties to The OSA and the game. The Association endorses the Canadian Soccer Association's "Code of Ethics" for Game Officials.

### **Specifically Match Officials shall:**

- a) Conduct themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play and shall, by example, endeavor to inspire the true principles of Fair Play and earn the respect of those whom they serve;
- b) Not cause The OSA to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which they officiate;
- c) Adhere to all standards and directives;
- d) Always be neat in appearance and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness;
- e) Study the Laws of the Game and be aware of all changes, and shall enforce all said Laws and changes;
- f) Perform their designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics and lectures, etc., and shall assist their colleagues in upgrading and improving their standards of officiating, instructing and assessing;
- g) Honour any appointments made for, and accepted by them, unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency;
- h) Not publicly criticize other officials or any soccer association nor shall they make any statements to the media related to any game in which they were involved;
- i) Be subject to disciplinary action for not complying with this Code of Conduct.

