



United States Soccer Federation

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

CODE OF ETHICS FOR REFEREES

1. That I shall always maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer.
2. That I will conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of my position.
3. That I shall always honor a contractual obligation.
4. That I will endeavor to attend local meetings and clinics so as best to know the *Laws of the Game* and their proper interpretation.
5. That I will always strive to achieve maximum team work with any fellow referees and assistants.
6. That I shall be loyal to my fellow referees and assistants, and never knowingly promote criticism of them.
7. That I shall be in good physical condition so as to be in the right place at the right time.
8. That I will control the players effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing firmness.
9. That I shall do my utmost to assist my fellow officials to better themselves and their work.
10. That I shall not make statements about any game except to clarify an interpretation of the *Laws of the Game*.
11. That I consider it a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation and I will strive to make my actions reflect credit upon that organization and its affiliates.