



ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR REFEREES (Approved February 25, 2018)

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 themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play, and by example endeavour to inspire the true principles of sportsmanship and earn the respect of those whom they serve.
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 follow the ASA Guidelines for Match Officials' uniforms and maintain an appropriate level of physical and mental fitness.
5. Shall study and enforce the current Laws of the Game and any event specific rules and regulations.
6. Shall perform their designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics, meetings, lectures, etc., and shall assist their colleagues in upgrading and improving their standards of officiating, instructing and assessing.
7. Shall honour any appointments made for and accepted, 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 or through the media (newspaper, T.V., radio, social etc.) relating to a game in which the referee has officiated, or to the performance of the players or other officials.
10. Shall follow the correct lines of communication, by addressing all questions or concerns to the ASA either through the ASA office or to a member of the ASA Referee Development Committee.
11. When writing reports, set out the true facts and not attempt to justify any decisions.
12. Shall report any approach to fix the result of a match.

Referees shall be subject to disciplinary action for not complying with this Code of Conduct.

Please note that, in as much as referees register directly with the ASA they come directly under the ASA jurisdiction should disciplinary action be required.

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