



CODE OF CONDUCT REFEREE

Referees have a significant responsibility while performing their duties during the course of a game. The Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") of South Simcoe United FC (hereinafter referred to as the "Club") has developed this Code of Conduct to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional and ethical behaviour from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer.

The Club expects all Referees to conform to the following Code of Conduct:

- Conduct themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play and shall, by example, endeavour to inspire the true principles of fair play and earn the respect of those whom they serve
- Not cause the Club to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which they officiate
- Adhere to all standards and directives
- Always be neat in appearance and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness
- Study the Laws of the game and be aware of changes, and shall enforce all said Laws and changes
- 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
- Honour any appointments made for and accepted by them unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency
- Not publically criticize other Officials, Soccer Clubs or Associations nor shall they make any statements to the media related to any game in which they were involved
- Be subject to disciplinary action for not complying with this Code of Conduct

I further understand that I represent the Club in all games and tournaments and will conduct myself accordingly. I understand that the Referees will be held accountable by the Board for our actions and behaviours throughout the season. I further understand that the Club will monitor my behaviour and will take appropriate action to uphold this Code of Conduct. Referees who are sanctioned under this policy may also be subject to the disciplinary rules of the Huronia District Soccer Association and the Ontario Soccer Association. This Code of Conduct is and will remain consistent with the accepted Code of Conducts from the Canadian Soccer Association and Ontario Soccer Association.

I agree to the following terms:

1. I agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct.
2. I acknowledge that the Club may take disciplinary action against me, if I breach the above Code of Conduct. (I understand that the Club is required to implement a complaints handling procedure in accordance with the principles of natural justice, in the event of an allegation against me).
3. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may include suspension of refereeing privileges and dismissal from the Club.

I, _____ accept the above rules as written and will do my best to abide by them.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

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