
Referees Code of Conduct

Referee's agreement to accept and abide by the rules of the Nashua Youth Soccer League (NYSL)

1. Always remember that the game is for the players. Player safety and fair play come first.
2. Study and learn the laws of the Game and understand the "spirit of the Laws". Help fellow referees do the same.
3. Respect other referees' decisions and do not publicly criticize another official.
4. Wear a proper uniform and keep it in good condition.
5. Know where you are supposed to be during the game and help any referee who needs placement assistance.
6. Stay focused on the game at all times. Work hard to do the best job you can do every time. Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from coaches, players and spectators.
7. Be respectful to all players, parents and coaches.
8. Support good sportsmanship with a kind word to players, coaches and parents of both teams when deserved.
9. I will never use profanity or make obscene gestures, or engage in any inappropriate behavior or conduct, at any time.
10. Always be fair and impartial, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable
11. Honor accepted game assignments. If you cannot make a game find a replacement or inform the Director of Officials.
12. Substance use and/or possession thereof drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco, by minors, is cause for immediate dismissal from the league.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____