CODE OF CONDUCT Referees

INTRODUCTION

The Code of Ethics and Conduct is provided to referees as an indication of the standards expected. Any possible breaches of this code should be advised to SWSSS who will consider appropriate action including deregistration.

1. ETHICS

- 1.1. A Referee has an important role within the realm of soccer. Players, spectators and club officials will like you and dislike you by the minute, but regardless, they should respect you as a referee.
- 1.2. You shall carry out your duties as a referee without fear or favour and maintain the highest standards of integrity and honesty. Similar standards shall be maintained in associated off-field activities.
- 1.3. Conduct yourself with dignity, and do not act in such a manner as to bring yourself, your colleagues, or SWSSS into disrepute.
- 1.4. Always maintain your best. Standards of conduct of anything less are unacceptable.

2. CONDUCT

- 2.1. Ensure a smart appearance is maintained both on and off the field.
- 2.2. Ensure that you are at the expected level of fitness to fulfil your duties at the required standard.
- 2.3. Ensure that your knowledge of the laws and rules of competition is up-to-date and thoroughly understood, including any recent amendments.
- 2.4. Allow sufficient time to properly meet your appointment.
- 2.5. Social fraternisation after games on club premises shall be kept within reasonable limits.
- 2.6. Complete all administrative tasks (e.g. recording match results).
- 2.7. Any game reports required to be prepared for misconduct, cheating or foul play are to be emailed to admin@swsss.com.au as soon as possible after the incident.
- 2.8. Ensure adequate notice is given when unavailable for appointments.
- 2.9. Ensure the earliest possible advice if you have to call-off an appointment.
- 2.10. Limit your comments to fact, not opinion, when dealing with outsiders (e.g. club officials, players, etc).
- 2.11. Ensure that you treat your colleagues with the same respect and courtesy that you would expect from them.

3. BREACHES

- 3.1. Ensure colleagues who have breached a code, are informed of the breach they may be unaware. In serious circumstances, the breach/s should be reported to the SWSSS.
- 3.2. Members breaching any of the codes, or being the subject of a complaint by a colleague or third party, shall be called upon to explain their actions. If proven, the member may be subject to disciplinary action.

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