

# **CENTRAL COAST FOOTBALL REFEREES BRANCH (CCFRB)**



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## **REFEREES CODE OF CONDUCT**

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## **POLICY:**

The responsibility for the ethical conduct of participants engaged in the sport of football on the Central Coast rests equally with referees, players, administrators, coaches, spectators, media, educators, parents and government.

The duty of the referee is to act as an impartial judge of a football match. The Referees duty carries with it an obligation for referees to perform with diligence, consistency, objectivity and the highest standards of integrity.

CCFRB recognises that to preserve and encourage confidence in the professionalism of refereeing, referees must foster and practice ethical behaviour.

- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else
- Ensure that the correct CCFRB Referee Uniform is kept in good order and worn at all official duties – shirts tucked in, socks pulled up, predominantly black boots with black laces and black caps ONLY to be worn.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour, personal appearance and ensure your comments are positive, supportive, and professional. Ensure any Social Media interactions do not impact upon yourself or the CCFRB.
- Adhere to the “FIFA” respect policy and avoid all criticism of match officials, team players, coaches, managers and others when on the field, sideline or through any social media.
- Show caution and concern towards sick and injured players.
- Give all players a “fair go” regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be a good sport – your actions speak louder than words.
- Be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making and communicating decisions.
- Always demonstrate respect, remain loyal to and support other referees.
- Accept responsibility for your actions and decisions, avoiding any situations which may involve a conflict of interest.
- Keep up to date with the ‘Laws of the Game’, trends and principles in their application. Maintain a level of fitness conducive to achieving maximum on field results and arrive on Match day in a healthy state of mind.
- Emphasise the spirit of participation in the game rather than errors.
- Swiftly manage unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players.
- Refrain from any form of personal or physical abuse towards players or other referees.
- Refrain from any form of sexual Harassment towards players or referees.
- Always remember, your conduct reflects on all referees and the sport.
- There is a zero tolerance to the use of alcohol and non-prescription drugs and smoking whilst in CCFRB Referees identified uniforms.