



## Respect Code of Conduct

# Match Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. The behavior of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the field and on the sidelines. Play your part and observe USRC's Respect Code of Conduct for Match Officials at all time.

### **I will:**

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behavior, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behavior and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage Fair Play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains

- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, league or USRC:**

### **I may be:**

- Required to attend an USRC education course
- Required to meet with USSF Refereeing Official
- Required to meet with USSF Referee Committee.