



# Respect

## Code of Conduct

### Match Officials



The following Code of Conduct has been included into the MyFootballClub match official registration process from 1 January 2012.

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe FFA's **Respect Code of Conduct** for match officials at all times.

**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 behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour 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, Association/Zone or Member Federation.**

**I may be:**

- Required to meet with my own, Association/Zone or Member Federation Refereeing Committee.
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for appointment to matches
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined