

Professionalism

Appearance

Do not show up wearing anything that suggests you are not impartial--team logos, etc

Your uniform consists of a referee shirt, black shorts/pants, and referee socks. Your uniform also includes your whistle and referee wallet – which includes a scorecard, pen, yellow/red cards.

Your SAY referee patch must be worn at all times.

Your referee uniform must be worn and worn properly. This means that the shirt must be tucked in, black shorts or pants, with referee socks.

Before Accepting an Assignment

Please make sure you can make the assignment.

Arrive on time for the assignment.

Do not take assignments too close together if you can't make it. For example, if you have a game at 11, don't take a referee assignment for 12 at a different field.

Before Game

Arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the game.

Perform your pregame field check.

Collect fees

During the Game

Respect for all participants:

- Respect is a two way street--give some to get some
- Maintain Professional attitude at all times
- Character Counts

Avoid Foul Language – This will not be tolerated among players, coaches, or referees. If a player or coach uses foul language they are to be carded immediately. This also goes for referees.

Carding – When giving a card: You go to the offending party, you stand 2 feet away from them to give them space, and you hold the card up to indicate a foul has been committed.

Enforce the Rules – Always call a fair and impartial game. Do not ease up if the score is lopsided.

Respect your fellow referees: Have the courage to do the right thing. Stand up for your partner if they are being hassled or attacked verbally.

Do not engage in comments with the fans or coaches:

- You cannot win this battle
- It shows that you are easily distracted
- Whatever you say will be used against you
- If a coach is arguing or making comments – USE YOUR CARD

Do not be critical of a fellow referee

Work Together

Do not overturn a call that has been made by another referee unless you both have talked about it. The referees are a team and it does not look good if they don't back each other up on calls. If you want to talk about it during a half or quarter break, that's ok. But, during the game you do not reverse calls. If the official called it, the play stands.

After the game

Reports

If you have to file a report after the game, please do so quickly and accurately
Only state the facts – no opinions

Talk about the game

Talk about the game to the other referee. What could you both have done better?
What worked? What didn't? What do you need to improve on?