

Youth Referee Code of Conduct

I will always maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer.

I will know the rules and regulations to the best of my ability.

I will arrive to games on time, dressed in my referee uniform with a whistle, stopwatch, scorecards, and a pencil.

I will maintain a courteous attitude before, during and after the game to coaches, players and other officials.

I will be a role model for good sportsmanship through my own words and actions.

I will be fair and objective at all times. I will call the game according to the rules and regulations, regardless of my feelings toward a player, coach or team.

I will handle disputes with coaches and players calmly, respectfully and fairly.

I will not tolerate abusive behavior toward players, officials or myself and I will uphold the Laws of the Game and apply the rules accordingly. I will also report any abusive behavior immediately to Dave Pasqualino, Referee Coordinator.

Inability to maintain any part of this policy may result in suspension from refereeing for any duration deemed appropriate by the Emerson Soccer Board. Any reports of abuse of this policy will be investigated thoroughly and immediately by the Board. Any necessary discipline will be implemented on a timely basis.

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Date: _____

Youth Referee Policy

Providing an instructional, fair and fun atmosphere for all games is paramount. The Emerson Soccer Board will not tolerate any verbal or other abuse of a youth referee by any coach, player or spectator. Similarly, the Emerson Soccer Board will not tolerate any rude, inappropriate or abusive words or actions of a youth referee toward coaches, players or other officials.

- 1.** Coaches, players, youth referees and other officials may only communicate in a positive manner.
- 2.** A spectator or coach may not directly express disagreement or dissatisfaction with the youth referee's officiating.
- 4.** Any board member or coach, if necessary, must intervene if any coach, player or spectator is abusing a youth referee, verbally or otherwise. If the offender continues, they may be asked to leave the site, and/or the game may be terminated.
- 5.** Coaches are responsible for ensuring all spectators follow the Code of Conduct guidelines during games.
- 6.** Should such abuse or offending behavior occur, the incident should be reported immediately to the Emerson Soccer Board. The Board will investigate and notify the Emerson Recreation Committee of any potential violations of the Emerson Code of Conduct.