

# NKYA OFFICIAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

## **OFFICIALS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:**

- Have knowledge/understand the rules of the game and understand the spirit of the rules. Help fellow officials do the same.
- Be a role model, display and encourage a positive attitude and a desire that you want to be there. Take each game seriously.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco products or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited when involved with any NKYA sponsored event.
- Be positive; avoid confrontation with any official, coach, player or parent.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of his/her duties.
- Support and enforce “Everyone plays”, “Positive Coaching” and “Good Sportsmanship” philosophies of the NKYA
- Explain rules when needed.
- Always remember the game is for the players. Player’s safety and fair play come first.
- Attend any official’s classes to keep up to date on changing rules.
- Respect other officials and their decisions, and do not publicly criticize another official.
- Stay calm when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches and parents.
- Honor accepted game assignments. In an emergency, notify the head official or league official.
- Support good sportsmanship with a kind word to players, coaches and parents of both teams when deserved.
- Always be fair and impartial, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.

## **OFFICIALS MUST:**

- Show courage and confidence; avoid arrogance.
- Show respect to players, coaches, parents and other officials.
- Implement good management techniques.
- Be professional; ie. On time, in proper uniform, prepared, fit, etc.

## **OFFICIALS PENALTY:**

- Failure to follow the “Official’s Code of Conduct” on a consistent basis (**2 warnings**) will result in a loss of 1 game assignment. NKYA does support its officials and will work with and educate each official to improve his/her performance in both the officiating of the game and to properly reflect the NKYA purpose. Repeated violations of the code of conduct after loss of game assignment could be subject up to a one-year suspension or further action as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. In cases of illegal conduct, the local authorities will be notified and the official will be removed immediately from his/her position.