
OFFICIALS CONDUCT AND ETHICS POLICY

Category: Officials

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PURPOSE

Establishes an ethical code of conduct in which all game officials (referees) shall follow while participating with Inter Tribal Sports Leagues.

POLICY

Beyond the rules, officials are responsible for a number of aspects of game management. They play a critical role in the experience of the players, coaches, and spectators. Although Inter Tribal Sports (ITS) generally contracts game officials to an outside agency, it is important that each of these individuals adheres to the following code of conduct.

Code of Conduct

ITS strives to provide a positive environment for its participants. The following code of conduct has been developed to protect and promote the interests of the game, player, coach, spectator and official.

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for the players, coaches, fellow officials, administrators, league, and organization.
- Be knowledgeable of the rules of the sport, including local ITS specific rules, and apply those fairly to all participants, coaches, and teams.
- Not allow personal friendships and associations to influence decisions during game play.
- Refrain from the use of illicit substances to include tobacco and alcohol while in the youth sports environment.
- Provide an environment that is supportive of the youth to learn, be safe, and have fun.
- Work with the ITS staff and communities in a constructive and cooperative manner.
- Be respectful and understanding of Native American culture and tradition.
- Refrain from engaging in public criticism or verbal confrontation with spectators, players, and coaches.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm, and confident manner.

Code of Conduct Agreement

The contracted association and individual officials shall agree and uphold these conditions in order to officiate ITS youth sports leagues.

Officials Evaluation

ITS shall make available an evaluation form to measure the performance of the game official. This form will be made accessible to all individuals associated with the athletic leagues. Upon receipt of the evaluation form, it will be reviewed by the program manager, shared with the head official, and if necessary, corrective action will be taken as agreed upon by ITS and the officials association.

Conduct Violations

In the event a violation or other egregious conduct has occurred in regard to a game official, ITS reserves the right to prohibit the return of that individual from officiating any future games for a determined period of time.

RELATED INFORMATION

Inter Tribal Sports Documents:

[Official and ITS Staff Evaluation Form \(Google Form\)](#); [League Rules \(see specific sport\)](#)

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