

ACA's Officials' Code of Behaviour

The duties of an ACA referee is to act as an impartial judge of sporting competition and this duty carries with it an obligation to perform with accuracy, consistency, objectivity and the highest sense of integrity.

In order to preserve and encourage confidence on the professionalism and integrity of officiating, officials must first display ethical behaviour.

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
3. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
4. Treat each person as an individual.
5. Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
6. Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
7. Respect decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
8. Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where power of imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
9. Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
10. Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
11. Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
12. Ensure that your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
13. Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
14. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
15. Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
16. Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.

Note 1: All referees are expected to be registered with their State Authority responsible for the safety, welfare and care of young people. For example referees resident in Queensland should hold a valid "Blue Card", in Victoria "Working With Young People Check".

Note 2: Until ACA produces its own Health, Safety and Adverse Weather Policies, the policies of the State in which an ACA event is held will apply.

