

GRAND VALLEY SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Respect – A Game We All Must Play



REFEREE CODE OF CONDUCT AT ALL GVSA and MSYSA SANCTIONED SOCCER GAMES.

Match officials all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in every game whether they are officiating a match or not. The behavior of match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game both on the field and on the sidelines.

Officials are expected to play their part and observe GVSA's below Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

Officials will always strive to:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times.
- Be timely and professional in appearance, dress and manner at all times.
- Apply the "Laws of the Game" and competition rules fairly and consistently and make sure to have read and understood the published game day procedures for the game that they are officiating.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behavior, foul play and other misconduct.
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior from players, spectators, coaches, team and other match officials.
- Support other match official colleagues at all times.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behavior and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Communicate with the players and encourage Fair Play. A special effort will be made to work and communicate with team captain(s) to maintain match control and game flow.
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for information or clarification by the team captains.
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match that you commit to officiate.
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which you officiate.

I understand that if I do not follow this Respect Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, league, MSYSA or the MRC:

I may be required:

- To attend a USSF or MSYSA sponsored education course or view training video's.
- To meet with a USSF Referee Official, Instructor, Assessor or GVSOA Administrator to review my performance and/or plan to take corrective action.

Name: _____

Signed _____

Date: _____