



Code of Conduct for international IBSA football referees

As a referee you are expected to adhere to certain standards of behaviour and below are what we expect of all international football referees at all international IBSA tournaments.

- 1) Every referee should accept that anyone may play football no matter what religion, sex, sexual orientation or political view they hold.
- 2) Referees should not comment about the play, the players, the organisation, other officials or referees' decisions on public forums such as Facebook and Twitter, nor should they make comments to the media. If they have a concern this should be reported to the Referee Coordinator.
- 3) Referees must wear the uniform provided by the organising committee of the tournament. They should keep it clean. The one exception is footwear – referees may wear their own suitable sports shoes when refereeing. Also, they should be prepared to wear the appropriate uniform at official functions.
- 4) At no time during a tournament should a referee show his/her nationality. They should not wear anything to show their nationality, or communicate with their countries teams and coaches other than passing comments which they might make to any of the teams. They should remain neutral in all they do and say.
- 5) In particular the field of play should be a calm place for the correct conduct of the game/tournament.
- 6) The referee is considered an athlete and should be fit and prepared for the games.
- 7) Alcohol may only be consumed after the referees have finished their duties for the day but only in very moderate quantities. They should always be aware that they must be fit to perform their duties. No photos of referees with alcohol during social time should be published.
- 8) Referees should not be under the influence of any drugs or medicine which will affect their performance as a referee.
- 9) Referees should not be performing business transactions during the tournament.

All infractions of this Code of Conduct must be reported by the IBSA Referee Coordinator, who will report it to the IBSA and to the referee in writing.

If, during a tournament, a referee is not present to perform his/her assigned job, the Referee Coordinator will substitute the referee with one of the available referees.

If, during a tournament, a referee is clearly not capable of performing his/her duty (because of alcohol or drugs) the Referee Coordinator will substitute him/her with one of the available referees.



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