

Official's Code of Ethics

(based on the Collegiate Commissioners Association and NCAA Manual)

Officials will:

- A. Not officiate contest after consuming alcoholic beverages on game day; should not indulge in any alcohol consumption prior to or during any contest.
- B. Not engage in idle conversation with any person before, during, or after the game, intermissions included.
- C. Not solicit a coach, or league official for game assignments. The Supervisor of Football Officials is the only person authorized to make game assignments for the official. Officials should not obligate themselves to any person affiliated with games they might be assigned to officiate.
- D. Not participate in any sports gambling involving intercollegiate or professional athletics through a book maker, a parlay card or any method employed by organized gambling (NCAA Manual.)
- E. Be in good physical condition.
- F. Be prompt for appointments (on time.)
- G. Not be overly officious.
- H. Not accept game assignments for schools the official attended, coached or had affiliation or prior relationship.
- I. Not become intimate with coaches or affiliates of teams for whom the official may be assigned conference games.
- J. Not criticize or attempt to explain another official's judgment regarding a play, coach or players; make statements on behalf of another official to the media or any other source, nor overtly or covertly express disagreement with officials when attending a contest as a spectator.
- K. Never argue with players. If a player asks a question or clarification relating to a call, listen, then give a definitive and decisive answer, but do not belabor the point or quibble with the player.
- L. Assist players in the interpretation of rules when requested and at the appropriate time.
- M. Give each team their best effort always.
- N. Enthusiastically adhere to the ideals of sportsmanship, qualities of loyalty, courage, unselfishness, self-discipline and authority, and not use abusive or obscene language towards coaches, players and other crew members.
- O. Display actions on and off the court that will be a credit to football officiating.