

# OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for the children, parents, and coaches participating in youth sports by following this Official's Code of Conduct.

### ARTICLE I

Sports officials must be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of sports competitions. Without equivocation, game decisions, which are slanted by personal bias, are dishonest and unacceptable.

### **ARTICLE II**

Sports officials recognize that anything, which may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a school or team, which can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.

## **ARTICLE III**

Sports officials have an obligation to treat other officials with professional dignity and courtesy and recognize that it is inappropriate to criticize other officials publicly.

#### ARTICLE IV

Sports officials have a responsibility to continuously seek self-improvement through study of the game, rules, mechanics and the techniques of game management. They have a responsibility to accurately represent their qualifications and abilities when requesting or accepting officiating assignments.

#### ARTICLE V

Sports officials shall protect the public (fans, administrators, coaches, players, etc.) from inappropriate conduct and shall attempt to eliminate from the officiating avocation/profession all practices, which bring discredit to it.

## **ARTICLE VI**

Sports officials shall not be party to actions designed to unfairly limit or restrain access to officiating, officiating assignments or association membership. This includes selection for positions of leadership based upon economic factors, race, creed, color, age, sex, physical handicap, country or national origin.

Officials Print Name		
Officials Signature	Date	