

Code of Ethics for Umpires

1. Honor all contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial basis.
2. Study the rules of the game diligently, observe the work of good officials, and attempt to improve at all times.
3. Remember that while you work as an umpire is important, you must conduct yourself in such a way that spectator attention is directed to the players during the game and not you.
4. Dress and maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the umpire.
5. Be fair and unbiased in your decisions, rendering them without regard to the score or the quality of play on the field.
6. Cooperate and be professional in your associations with your fellow umpires and do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
7. Be firm but not overbearing, positive but never rude, dignified but never 'cocky.' Remember the good umpire doesn't have to have the last word.
8. Be prepared both physically and mentally to administer the game.
9. Do not smoke on or in the vicinity of the playing field. Do not drink alcoholic beverages before the game you are to work.
10. Do not give information which might be used by a team's future opponent.
11. Keep in mind that the game is more important than the wishes of any individual player of coach or the ambitions of any individual umpire.