



# AYSO REFEREE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

**Always remember** that the game is for the players. Player safety and fair play come first.

**Study and learn** the laws of the Game and understand the "spirit" of the Laws. Help fellow referees do the same.

**Encourage and enforce** the AYSO Philosophies of "Everyone Plays," "Positive Coaching" and "Good Sportsmanship."

**Respect** other referees' decisions and do not publicly criticize another official.

**Wear the proper** uniform and keep it in good condition.

**Maintain good physical condition** so you can keep up with the action.

**Stay calm** when confronted with emotional reactions from players, coaches and parents.

**Honor** accepted game assignments. In an emergency, find a replacement.

**Support good sportsmanship** with a kind word to players, coaches and parents of both teams when deserved.

**Always be fair and impartial**, avoiding conflicts of interest. Decisions based on personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.