

INTRODUCTION

Referees, like all officials, have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour. Referees are the representatives of the Administration of the Sport on the field of play and consequently carry a significant responsibility in ensuring the reputation of the Sport is protected and enhanced.

This Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with all AFF policies including its anti-match fixing policy and member protection policy.

Behaviour of match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the Sport.

There is a need, at all times to remember that, as a referee, a high standard of behaviour is always expected and should be exercised in to protect the integrity of all officiators and the sport.

DRESS CODE

Referees at AFF events should adhere to the following dress code:

For Men: Dark coloured pants, jacket, button-up shirt, tie, dress shoes (not sports shoes)

For Women: Dark coloured pants or skirt (which must be below the knees), plain white or black shirt, jacket, closed in dress shoes (no open toed or open heeled shoes).

CODE OF CONDUCT

Referees at AFF events must agree that they will:

- be honest and completely impartial at all times.
- avoid situations which may lead to, or be construed as, a conflict of interest.
- ensure at all times that they know and understand the Rules of Fencing and FIE decisions on interpretations of those Rules.
- apply the Rules of Fencing fairly and consistently without fear or favour.
- manage every match in a positive, calm, confident and respectful manner.
- accept responsibility for their actions and decisions.

- deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct in an appropriate manner .
- never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from athletes, officials or spectators.
- support refereeing colleagues at all times and never engage in public criticism of them nor any other participant.
- set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the sport at all times
- respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by an athlete.
- comply with all requirements and obligations of membership of my state association and the AFF.
- be fit, ready and able to perform officiating duties.
- not be under the influence of any substance or the perceived influence or recovery from any substance.
- abide by all AFF rules and polices.