

The Play Like a Champion program seeks to create a positive environment for all involved in youth sporting contests. Officials serve an integral role in helping to create a constructive, safe and fun atmosphere. We have created the Officials' Code of Conduct to represent the core teachings of the Play Like a Champion program and serve as a reminder of your responsibilities.

As an Official, I pledge to uphold the ideals of Play Like a Champion...

1. I will always maintain the utmost respect for the game.
2. I will conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of my position.
3. I will always honor an assignment or any other contractual obligation.
4. I am responsible for the safety of the players during a game.
5. I will not tolerate nor allow abusive behavior or language.
6. I pledge to know the rules and regulations of the games and divisions to which I am assigned.
7. I promise to enforce the rules fairly.
8. I will show respect for other referees, coaches and players and never promote criticism of them.
9. I promise to handle players, coaches and parents/spectators effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness. I will manage disputes with coaches and players calmly and respectfully.
10. I understand I am a teacher of the game and will take advantage of teachable moments with players to help them understand rules and regulations.
11. I will not make statements about any game except to clarify an interpretation of rules.
12. I will not discriminate against nor take any undo advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

## Officials' Code of Conduct Contract

By signing this document, you agree to uphold all parts of the "Officials' Code of Conduct". You acknowledge that you have read and understand this code and make a commitment to living the mission of Play Like a Champion in your officiating.

Official Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Official Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_