**Elite College Soccer Referees Code of Conduct**

The Elite College Soccer Referees (ECSR) Code of Conduct is a set of rules and guidelines which is written for all officials. It is a privilege to be a part of ECSR. By our words, actions and intentions when we are engaged in anything Soccer it reflects not only on each of us personally, but the organization as well. This Code of Conduct is intended not only for referees but also for administrators and anyone else who is in any way involved with or has responsibility involving the officiating of student athletes at any level of competition through which ECSR provides resources. A Code of Conduct is used by ECSR to ensure all individuals who are part of the organization are aware of the required behaviors expected of members. Annually, before the start of the Soccer season at any level of play, individuals will be given a copy of the Code to review and sign, acknowledging their understanding and receipt of expectations of the Code and its requirements. This Code is intended to protect not only Elite College Soccer Referees, but also to protect the officials and inform them of expectations. Failure of anyone to adhere to the Code of Conduct can have negative consequences. As officials, we interact with student athletes as a routine part of our responsibility and should hold ourselves to the highest level of personal and professional conduct at all times.

**Rules and Expectations of Conduct for Elite Soccer Referees and Administrators**

1. I will act with integrity at all times.
2. I will not display bias towards any student athlete, coach, school administrator, parent or other member of the soccer audience due to their race, sex, religious affiliation, etc.
3. I will conduct myself professionally in all situations, maintaining dignity and self-control. I will work to control any situation during game play, showing courtesy and consideration without sacrificing fairness to all participants.
4. I will not use my position of authority to harass or intimidate any student athlete, coach, school administrator, parent, other member of the soccer audience or other official.
5. I will always maintain the utmost respect for the game, my position and responsibilities, having mastery of the rules and the mechanics of the game and maintaining good physical conditioning that will allow me to perform at the highest standard and be effective in serving in my role. Given the physicality of the game, I will always work with school officials to make decisions determining if conditions are not appropriate to start or continue play that would be detrimental to the safety of participants.
6. I will always honor a contractual obligation, except where there is a potential conflict due to my association with the institution (familial relationships, personal friendships/relationships, etc.). When possible, I will make everyone aware of any possible conflicts prior to being assigned to avoid even the perception of favoritism.
7. I will use fair and ethical communication in all forms of media communication (print, online (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TIK TOK, etc.), chat rooms, open forums, etc. and at all times maintain professional, non-political, and non-personal communication in any communication which relates to officiating or which in anyway identifies me as an official, including posting messages to forums frequented by fellow officials, coaches, administrators, players or fans. I realize that personal opinions or beliefs may cause controversy which will be detrimental to my role as a neutral match official and may lead to incorrect perceptions.
8. I will work with other officials in good faith, never knowingly permitting, engaging in or promoting criticism of them. I will provide honest assessments when requested by appropriate authorities in any investigative procedure.
9. I will attend any and all ECSR sponsored events that are intended to enhance my personal and professional development and capabilities related to my role in Soccer. If I cannot attend at the identified time, I will make all efforts necessary to receive training or information on requirements that were shared during the events.
10. I will ensure as an ECSR member that all rules, regulations and responsibilities expected of membership are adhered to and met.

I have read and reviewed the Elite College Soccer Referee Code of Conduct. Any questions and concerns have been clarified. I understand that violating any of these expectations can have negative consequences for me and my membership in this organization

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Printed Name