

## Football West Match Officials' Code of Conduct

Match Officials must:

1. Make every effort to prepare fully for a match, both physically and mentally.
2. Apply fairly and impartially the Laws of the Game.
3. Not be afraid to take decisions.
4. Be fair and firm and must resist any possible influence from protests on the part of players, team officials or spectators.
5. Show **Respect** towards players and team officials, even in the event of offences.
6. Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match.
7. Decline to be appointed to a match if not completely physically or mentally fit to referee that match (because of illness, injury, or for family or other reasons).
8. Inform Football West directly if unable to referee a team or teams for any reason.
9. Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game or any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
10. Not tolerate inappropriate language from players and/or officials.
11. Have regard to protecting the players.
12. In reports, set out only the true facts and not attempt to justify any decisions.