

## Referee Code of Conduct

Landmark Crush Soccer is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and positive soccer environment. Referees play a critical role in ensuring fair play, player safety, and sportsmanship. All referees are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct both on and off the field.

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### Professional Conduct

Referees are expected to:

- Act with **integrity, impartiality, and honesty** at all times
  - Apply the Laws of the Game **fairly and consistently**
  - Maintain a calm, confident, and professional demeanor
  - Treat all players, coaches, and spectators with **respect and courtesy**
  - Avoid favoritism or bias toward any team or individual
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### Player Safety & Welfare

Referees must:

- Prioritize **player safety above all else**
  - Stop play when a player is injured and follow appropriate procedures
  - Enforce rules related to dangerous play and misconduct
  - Be aware of weather, field, and environmental conditions that may impact safety
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### Communication & Game Management

Referees should:

- Communicate decisions clearly and respectfully
- Avoid arguing or engaging in confrontations with players, coaches, or spectators
- Use appropriate language and tone at all times
- Seek assistance from club officials if a situation escalates beyond control

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## Respect & Sportsmanship

Referees are expected to:

- Model positive sportsmanship and leadership
- Support a respectful game environment, especially when officiating youth matches
- Understand that many participants are learning and developing
- Never use abusive, threatening, discriminatory, or inappropriate language

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## Appearance & Preparedness

Referees must:

- Arrive on time and prepared for each assignment
- Wear appropriate referee attire and bring required equipment (whistle, cards, etc.)
- Be familiar with age-appropriate rules and league-specific modifications

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## Zero Tolerance

The following behaviors will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action:

- Abuse or harassment of players, coaches, spectators, or fellow officials
- Retaliatory behavior or escalation of conflict
- Use of discriminatory or offensive language
- Repeated disregard for club policies or referee expectations

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## Compliance & Accountability

- Referees must comply with all Landmark Crush Soccer policies and league rules
- Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in **removal from assignments, suspension, or dismissal**
- Youth referees are supported and mentored but are still expected to uphold these standards

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**Acknowledgment**

By accepting referee assignments with Landmark Crush Soccer, referees acknowledge and agree to comply with this Code of Conduct throughout the season.