



# NSL PLAYER REFEREE RULES AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and agree to abide by the following rules and guidelines regarding player behavior towards referees in all soccer-related activities, including but not limited to matches, practices, and league events:

**1. Respect for Referees:**

- I will treat referees with respect and courtesy at all times.
- I understand that referees are responsible for enforcing the Laws of the Game and making decisions during matches.

**2. Decision Acceptance:**

- I will accept the decisions of the referee without protest, even if I disagree.
- I understand that dissent or arguing with the referee's decisions may result in disciplinary action.

**3. Approaching the Referee:**

- Only the team captain is authorized to approach the referee to seek clarification on decisions.
- I will not crowd or confront the referee, and I will allow the captain to communicate with the official.

**4. Sportsmanship:**

- I will play the game fairly and within the spirit of sportsmanship.

- I understand that deliberate acts of unsporting behavior, such as simulation (diving), may result in disciplinary action.

**5. Disciplinary Sanctions:**

- I am aware that receiving a yellow card requires me to leave the field temporarily and accumulating multiple yellow cards may result in a red card and expulsion.
- A red card results in immediate expulsion from the match and may lead to additional disciplinary measures.

**6. Violent Conduct:**

- I will not engage in violent conduct, such as striking an opponent or committing serious foul play.
- I understand that violent conduct can result in a red card and additional disciplinary measures.

**7. Handling the Ball:**

- I will not deliberately handle the ball, except for the goalkeeper within their own penalty area.

**8. Offside:**

- I will be aware of the offside rule and avoid gaining an advantage by being in an offside position.

**9. Referee's Authority:**

- I understand that the referee has the final authority on the field, and I will follow their instructions and decisions.

**10. Injury Protocol:**

- If injured, I will leave the field of play or signal to the referee for assistance.
- I acknowledge that referees may stop the game if necessary for player safety.

I understand that failure to adhere to these rules may result in disciplinary action, including cautions, expulsions, or additional penalties deemed appropriate by league officials.

**Player's Signature:**

- Signature:
- Date: