

# CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

## OFFICIALS SHALL:

1. Not use language or conduct themselves in a manner, or, during a contest, permit players, coaches, or spectators to conduct themselves in a manner that discriminates on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, and marital status or against a qualified person with a disability.
2. Be neutral, honest, and fair and not demonstrate any bias for or against a team, individual players, coaches, or team personnel.
3. Not be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while on assignment.
4. Not use inappropriate physical contact towards players, coaches, or spectators.
5. Take responsibility for their decision making role which includes proper application of the rules.
6. Not make statements about players, coaches, spectators, or other officials that detract from the spirit and respectability of the sport.
7. Not have a criminal conviction involving inappropriate behavior with a minor or other criminal conduct deemed by the WGOSC to represent conduct unbecoming an official. No person with such a conviction may hold a USL official rating.