



Officials Code of Ethics

The DCSAA has adopted the model Code of Ethics for Athletic Officials as published by the National Federation of State High School Association. Officials for DCSAA contests must adhere to the following ethical standards:

Officials at interscholastic athletic events are participants in the educational development of student-athletes. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility.

1. Officials shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
2. Officials shall work with each other and the DCSAA in a constructive and cooperative manner.
3. Officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public.
4. Officials shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
5. Officials shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual duties.
6. Officials shall remain mindful that their conduct influences the respect that student-athletes, coaches and the public hold for the profession.
7. Officials shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes.
8. Officials shall take reasonable steps to educate themselves in the recognition of emergency conditions that might arise during the course of competition.
9. Where appropriate, officials shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear hazardous.
10. Officials shall remit criminal background checks to the state on an annual basis and keep the state abreast of any changes to his or her criminal history.