



## REFEREE CODE OF CONDUCT

### INTRODUCTION

Referees, like all officials, have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior. Referees are the representatives of the Administration of the Sport on the field of play and consequently carry a significant responsibility in ensuring the reputation of the Sport is protected and enhanced.

Behavior of match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the Sport.

There is a need, at all times to remember that, as a referee, a high standard of behavior is always expected and should be exercised in to protect the integrity of all officiators and the sport.

### DRESS CODE

Referees at ACTFA events should adhere to the following dress code:

For Men: Dark coloured pants, jacket, plain shirt, dark closed in shoes

For Women: Dark coloured pants or skirt (which must be below the knees), jacket, plain shirt, dark closed in shoes

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Referees at ACTFA events must agree that they will:

- be honest and completely impartial at all times.
- avoid situations which may lead to, or be construed as, a conflict of interest.
- ensure at all times that they know and understand the Rules of Fencing and FIE decisions on interpretations of those Rules.
- apply the Rules of Fencing fairly and consistently without fear or favour.
- manage every match in a positive, calm, confident and respectful manner.
- accept responsibility for their actions and decisions.
- deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct in an appropriate manner .
- never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from athletes, officials or spectators.
- support refereeing colleagues at all times and never engage in public criticism of them nor any other participant.
- set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the sport at all times
- respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by an athlete.
- comply with all requirements and obligations of membership of ACTFA.
- be fit, ready and able to perform officiating duties.
- not be under the influence of any substance or the perceived influence or recovery from any substance.
- abide by all ACTFA rules and policies.