11.3 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR USSF/NTSSA REGISTERED REFEREES AND ASSIGNORS

(1) I pledge that I will faithfully enforce the Laws of the Game and any special Rule of the Competition of the League(s) I am officiating for without prejudice or favoritism to any player, team or coach.

(2) I recognize that it is my professional duty to constantly keep abreast of any changes in the Laws or Rules of Play and to keep myself physically fit and my training refreshed.

(3) I will constantly strive to improve my own refereeing techniques and always accept sincere, constructive criticism from fellow referees or official assessors without malice.

(4) I pledge that I will make myself available, whenever possible, for game assignments for which I am qualified.

(5) If I am a State or National USSF referee, I acknowledge that my first responsibility is to State or USSF-assigned games and that I will make myself available for these assignments regardless of conflicts with local playing associations or with leagues that I may be active in as a player or as a coach.

(6) I do hereby acknowledge my fellow referees' total authority over any matches over which they are duly assigned to officiate, and I pledge that I will never interfere with the carrying out of their prescribed duties, before, during, or after a match.

(7) I understand that any criticism of fellow referees should be limited to constructive criticism in quiet, private referee-to-referee discussions, and then never within hearing distance of players, coaches, or spectators.

(8) As a registered USSF/NTSSA referee, I will always strive to conduct myself in the highest professional manner possible, including refraining from indulging in arguments or name-calling with coaches and/or spectators.

(9) I also acknowledge that if I am also a coach, player, or spectator, that my conduct towards, and my respect for, my fellow referee doing my game is more closely noticed by all concerned. I will, therefore, strive to set a very high standard of personal conduct under these circumstances to serve as an example to all.

(10) I understand that I should wear only the approved USSF referee uniform with the current badge of the highest grade I am qualified for, and that my uniform be clean, neat, and in a good state of repair. I also understand that if I am a coach, that I am not to wear my uniform while coaching my team.

(11) I further understand that I should not partake of any type of alcoholic beverage before any game assignment, and that I should never smoke, eat, or drink while actually officiating.

(12) I hereby pledge that I will always faithfully carry out my duties and obligations as a USSF referee registered with the North Texas State Soccer Association; and that I do hereby acknowledge and accept the jurisdiction of the local NTSSA- affiliated playing association I may be refereeing for, the NTSSA and USSF, and their respective Referee Committees, where applicable, over my actions, conduct, and performance as a registered USSF referee.

(13) I furthermore understand that I may be disciplined, to include being placed on probation, suspended, or refused referee registration for significant or repetitive breaches of this Code of Conduct or any of its articles or provisions.

USSF CODE OF ETHICS FOR REFEREES (as established per USSF Policy 531-11)

(1) I will always maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer.

(2) I will conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of my position.

(3) I will always honor an assignment or any other contractual obligation.

(4) I will attend training meetings and clinics so as to know the Laws of the Game, their proper interpretation and their application.

(5) I will always strive to achieve maximum teamwork with my fellow officials.

(6) I will be loyal to my fellow officials and never knowingly promote criticism of them.

(7) I will be in good physical condition.

(8) I will control the players effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness.

(9) I will do my utmost to assist my fellow officials to better themselves and their work.

(10) I will not make statements about any games except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game.

(11) I will not discriminate against nor take undue advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

(12) I consider it a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation and my actions will reflect credit upon that organization and its affiliates.

USSF CODE OF ETHICS FOR ASSIGNORS (as established per USSF Policy 531-11)

(1) I will maintain the utmost respect for referees and other officials of the game and I will conduct myself honorably at all times.

(2) I will make the assignments based on what is good for the game and what is good for the referee.

(3) As a member of the United States Soccer Federation, my actions will reflect credit upon the organization.

(4) I will contribute to the continuous development of referees in the National Referee Development Program.

(5) I will conduct myself ethically and professionally in the assignment process.

(6) I will respect the rights and dignity of all the referees and I will not criticize them unless it is in private, constructive, and for their benefit.

(7) I will offer equal opportunity to all qualify referees and I will not discriminate against or take undue advantage of any individual or group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

(8) I will cooperate fully in the timely resolution of any grievance hearing or complaint.

(9) I consider it a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation and my actions will reflect credit upon that organization or its affiliates.