



**OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT
AT FIL EVENTS**

As an official in the sport of lacrosse, I have a unique and important role to play. My conduct can impact not only the play of an individual game but in promoting the respect and growth of the game itself. I accept the responsibilities of this role and will strive to fulfill them guided by this Code of Conduct:

1. I will represent the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) in a professional manner at all times. I will ensure that my behavior, both on and off the field adheres to the principles of professionalism and is in observance of all FIL policies and procedures or as further directed by the Referee In Chief or equivalent of a FIL sanctioned event.
2. I will not use illegal and non-doctor prescribed prescription drugs while participating in any FIL championship, to include smoking or use of alcohol while wearing the FIL prescribed official's uniform.
3. I will make a personal commitment to keep myself informed of accepted officiating principles, which includes having a sound understanding of the rules of the game, their applications and current interpretations, including the mechanics in such documents as the FIL Referees Manual.
4. To the best of my ability, I will enforce the rules of the game as codified in the current official FIL rulebook and in such documents as the FIL Referees Manual. I will do so by frequently studying the rulebook, officiating frequently, attending clinics/courses, taking the rules test and participating in other professional growth activities to upgrade my officiating skills.
5. I will ensure I maintain a level of fitness commensurate with the level of lacrosse at which I officiate. I agree to take the FIL prescribed fitness test if requested as a condition to officiating at a FIL sanctioned event.
6. I will strive to be consistent, objective and under control in the administration of each contest in which I participate. I will be available for discussion with the captains and coaches at appropriate times during a contest, and in accordance with the rules of the sport and FIL policies.
7. I will help in the education of the sport. Officials can help players, coaches and spectators learn the sport by ensuring rule infractions are understood and appropriately penalized, thus encouraging fair play.
8. I will remain open to advancing my skills by participating in evaluation, discussion, and review with Technical Directors, Assessors and my peers. I will listen to and respect differing points of view. I will strive for impartiality throughout the event and limit social interaction with any players, team personnel, or spectators.



9. I will not accept a gift from a competing team except during a sanctioned gift exchange. Club clothing or clothing representing a previous tournament, eg., "World Lacrosse, Baltimore 1998", is acceptable.
10. I will agree to correctly wear the official uniform as prescribed by the FIL. Officials will not wear any clothing or hats that connect them with their home country or any other competing country while at or travelling to or from the fields.
11. During FIL championships I will refrain from discussing in public or through the media, games I have officiated, and decisions made by other officials during their games. I will reserve such reviews for private discussion with other game officials.
12. I will treat all participants with courtesy and respect. I will not tolerate discourteous and inappropriate behavior towards any participant, including officials, spectators, or championship staff in any contest in which I am officiating. I will take action in accordance with the rules of the sport or FIL policies when appropriate.
13. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action. Such action may result in the member losing the privilege which comes with membership in the FIL, including the opportunity to participate in FIL activities and events, both present and future.

My signature below indicates that I have read and will fulfill this Code of Conduct as a FIL Official.

Official's Signature: _____

Official's Printed Name: _____

Date: _____