



Table Tennis Canada

Code of Conduct for Referees and Match Officials

Match Officials, especially while in uniform are ambassadors of the sport and their Associations. At competitions throughout Canada, officials are expected to demonstrate respect towards participants and the general public at competitions at the local, provincial regional and national level. The following is a list of “do’s and don’ts”. You can probably add to this list in the future.

As a Match Official, **you should:**

- Study and make sure you understand all the relevant rules, duties and procedures for the level of competition at which you are officiating;
- Maintain good health yearlong and monitor your vision and hearing;
- Dress appropriately and maintain a high standard of personal hygiene;
- Be prompt for all assignments;
- Maintain strict impartiality and avoid any relationships with players/coaches that may cast doubt on your impartiality;
- At all times, conduct yourself in a professional and ethical manner, respecting the authority and interests of the Referee, organizers, other officials, players, coaches and the public;
- Refer all issues, not related to your specific duties to the Referee.

As a Match Official, **you should not:**

- Discuss tournament incidents or other issues related to your duties with players, spectators or media, but should refer any such matters to the referee or tournament committee;
- Accept personal gifts from players, coaches, and teams other than those at nominal value. Gifts from the host Association can be accepted.
- Consume alcoholic beverages or take drugs or medications that will inhibit performance before your match on the day you are to officiate;
- Publicly criticize other officials or bring the sport into disrepute.

In conclusion, all officials are held to a high standard on and off the court.