## Official's Code of Ethics

- The official should maintain a non-bias control of the game. The idea is to gain respect of all involved in the contest.
- Accept criticism and praise in the same manner and never hesitate to ask for assistance.
- o Be courteous and professional at all times.
- o Be a good listener, teacher and be able to make strong, quick decisions and act accordingly when dealing with emotional matters.
- Know the fundamental rules of the game and understand your role as an official.
- Trust your partner and put fun, fairness, and safety first, be a positive role model, and be happy to be at work (do not appear bored or disinterested).
- Know both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules and should exercise authority in an impartial, firm, and controlled manner.
- Conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike fashion in all interactions with athletes, parents, coaches, and staff.
- o Prepare yourself both physically and mentally (dress code, whistle, rules, etc.)
- Remain mindful that your conduct influences the respect that players, coaches, and the public hold for the entire organization.
- While enforcing the rules of the play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to players.
- Submit incident report(s) to School Administrator, if needed prior to leaving the gym.