



Official's Code of Behaviour and Ethics



The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) provides guidance to registered on-ice officials around the world. National Federations / Associations and their members should expect the highest possible standards of personal integrity, competence, sound judgment and discretion for National Federation / Association on-ice officials. IHA's On-ice Official's Code of Behaviour and Ethics developed by the IIHF Sport Development Program is a public declaration of an on-ice officials' obligation to himself, his peer and the game.

In compliance with my certification as an IHA On-ice Official, I will always:

- carry out my duties to the best of my ability and training in every game I officiate;
- show respect to my fellow officials and the players, coaches and fans;
- attempt to further my studies and reviews, both personally and at courses / seminars, for continuous improvement of my knowledge of IHA's and the IIHF's playing rules, policies and procedures;
- represent myself to apply the rules of the game as fairly and as accurately as possible at all times;
- acknowledge that the use of alcohol is totally unacceptable on game days and that the use of illicit drugs is strictly prohibited by IHA and Australian Law;
- uphold the philosophy and right of all hockey participants and strictly enforce and accordingly penalise all violent acts for the health and safety of the participants;
- seek to raise the standard of play in each game that I officiate;
- respect my superiors and be supportive of my fellow on-ice and off-ice officials at all times, even when I am a spectator;
- accept the fact that I will make mistakes, but will not get frustrated or let this learning process affect my performance or my professional integrity;
- contribute to the continuing growth of IHA's and the IIHF's Officiating Development Program and its member officials through support, encouragement and a positive attitude; and
- respect and accept constructive feedback from my supervisors and mentors, including the assignments I receive from my administrators.