

## ***SDCFOA Code of Ethics***

**The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all SDCFOA members.**

**Officials at Interscholastic and youth football athletic events are participants in the educational development of ~~high school students'~~ student-athletes. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility.**

**Officials shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.**

**Officials shall work with each other in a constructive and cooperative manner.**

**Officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school and youth football administrators, colleagues and the public.**

**Officials shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.**

**Officials shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of their contractual obligations.**

**Officials shall remain mindful that their conduct influences the respect that student-athletes, coaches and the public hold the profession.**

**Officials shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, they shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear unreasonably hazardous.**

**Officials shall take reasonable steps to educate themselves in the recognition of emergency conditions that might arise during the course of competition.**