THPFC Match Officials Code of Conduct

(Applicable to all THPFC Match Officials across all THPFC Programs)

At THPFC, match officials are expected to uphold the Laws of the Game with fairness, confidence, and professionalism. This Code of Conduct outlines the standards we expect from all match officials to help create a respectful, safe, and positive environment for players, coaches, spectators, and fellow officials.

Match Officials have certain privileges through and by The Association, with respect to the game, and shall realize and respect their responsibilities and duties to The Association, THPFC, and the game of soccer. The Association endorses The Canadian Soccer Association's Code of Ethics for Match Officials.

Specifically, Match Officials shall:

- Conduct themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play and, by example, endeavour to inspire the true principles of fair play and earn the respect of those whom they serve.
- Uphold and apply the Laws of the Game fairly, consistently, and without bias.
- Adhere to all applicable standards, directives, rules, and regulations of the jurisdiction in which they officiate.
- Always be neat in appearance and maintain an appropriate level of physical and mental fitness.
- Study the Laws of the Game, remain aware of all changes, and enforce those Laws and changes to the best of their ability.
- Honour any appointments made for and accepted by them unless unable to do so due to illness, personal emergency, or another unavoidable circumstance.
- Communicate with players, coaches, spectators, and fellow officials in a calm, respectful, and professional manner.
- Prioritize player safety and welfare, including responding appropriately to injuries, concussion concerns, unsafe field conditions, or any situation that may place participants at risk.
- Support a positive youth soccer environment by recognizing the developmental nature of the game and treating young players with patience, respect, and fairness.
- Not publicly criticize other referees, Match Officials, players, coaches, clubs, leagues, or any soccer association.
- Not make public statements or comments to the media or on social media regarding any game in which they were involved.

- Report serious misconduct, abuse, discrimination, abandoned games, injuries, safeguarding concerns, or other significant incidents through the appropriate THPFC, league, or governing body process.
- Avoid any behaviour that could bring themselves, THPFC, The Association, or the game into disrepute.

Match Officials are expected to understand that their actions, decisions, and communication have a significant impact on the experience of players, coaches, parents, spectators, and other officials. By following this Code of Conduct, Match Officials help promote a fair, safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in THPFC soccer activities.

Match Officials may be subject to disciplinary action for failing to comply with this Code of Conduct.