

The New Jersey High School Tennis Official's Association Code of Conduct

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In addition to the NJSIAA Officials Code of Ethics, an NJHSTOA official is expected to maintain high professional standards and follow the code of conduct as noted below. Violations of this code may result in decertification or suspension.

An official:

1. Must wear the official NJHSTOA uniform when working and maintain a professional appearance
2. Should be prompt to all assignments
3. Should not socialize or fraternize with the players or coaches
4. Should not accept an assignment to any match in which the official has a relationship with one of the players that may be considered a conflict of interest and may cast doubt upon his/her impartiality. The appearance of such conflict causes the assignment to be unacceptable.
 - A. An official who is also a coach may never wear their official's shirt when coaching his/her team
 - B. An official may not accept an assignment if he/she previously coached one of the participating teams
 - C. An official may not accept an assignment where his/her child or a close relative is a player or coach
 - D. An official may not accept an assignment where a team from the school district in which they are employed is playing
5. Should only accept assignments that they are certain that they can work
6. Should not be interviewed by the media regarding officiating without prior permission of the NJHSTOA and the NJSIAA
7. Should not publically or privately criticize other officials
8. Must not bet on anything concerning a tennis event
9. Should not converse (socially) with spectators while on-court
10. May not request favors or special considerations from a school, tournament or tournament sponsor
11. Should not use title or position to abuse the rules or influence others to do so
12. Must not consume alcoholic beverages prior to working or when in uniform
13. Must not take drugs or medication that would inhibit performance before his/her assignment ends or while in uniform
14. Should not request to take photographs with players or request player autographs while in uniform
15. Should conduct him/herself in a professional and ethical manner
16. May wear their official's shirt only for the matches & tournaments that they are scheduled to work
17. May only accept officiating work given to them by an NJSIAA tennis assignor. If contacted by a school, coach, etc. to work a team or tournament match, the umpire should not accept the assignment, but provide the school or coach with the assignor's contact information
18. Should come prepared to every assignment with a hand-held stop watch, a net measuring device, a coin, a Friend at Court and the current NJSIAA Tennis Rules, etc.