

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



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 shall:

1. Wear the official NJHSTOA uniform when working and have a professional appearance
2. Be prompt to all assignments
3. Not socialize with or become intimate with the players or coaches
4. 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 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 team or his team players
  - B. An official may not accept an assignment where he previously coached one of the teams
  - C. An official may not accept an assignment where his child or close relative is a player or coach
  - D. Officials may not accept an assignment in the school district which they are employed
5. Accept assignments that they are certain that they can work
6. Not be interviewed by the media regarding officiating without prior permission of the NJHSTOA and the NJSIAA
7. Not publically or privately criticize other officials
8. Not bet on anything concerning a tennis event
9. Not converse (socially) with spectators while on-court
10. Not request favors or special considerations from a school, tournament or tournament sponsor
11. Not use title or position to abuse the rules or influence others to do so
12. Not consume alcoholic beverages prior to working or when in uniform
13. Not take drugs or medication that would inhibit performance before his assignment ends or while in uniform
14. Not request to take photographs with players or request player autographs while in uniform
15. Conduct himself in a professional and ethical manner
16. 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