

Official's Decorum

The Role of the Official is to Facilitate Fair and Safe Competitions
All officials will present a professional demeanour in the field of play,
prior, during and following an event.

Do's and Don'ts During Your Duties as an Official

The purpose of this Official's Decorum of Do's and Don'ts is to remind us all of our "professional" duties and conduct. It is closely related to the officials Code Of Conduct and the Ethics Booklet.

Please send any thoughts and/or suggestions to Sue Kydd, kskydd@shaw.ca.

DO.....

- Be respectful of athletes, coaches, other officials, volunteers, meet organizers and spectators.
- Be aware of ones location around the field of play so as to avoid interfering with athletes or endangering self or others.
- Maintain safety at all times.
- Work as part of a team.
- Dress in the "official uniform", white golf shirt, blue pants or shorts, and shoes covering the entire foot. Rain or cold weather gear are exceptions.
- Wear your name tag, ensuring it is visible at all times.
- Treat athletes equally, ensuring all athletes receive the same instructions.
- Give instructions with authority, in a clear but controlled voice.
- Instruct your event volunteers as to their duties and safety.
- Ask for the referee's assistance if needed.
- Remain at your assignment until the competition is completed.
- Insure the event results are delivered to the Meet Secretary.
- Respond to any concerns and complaints in a respectful and private manner.

DO NOT.....

- Talk unnecessarily to competitors, volunteers, other officials or spectators.
- Interfere or distract athletes.
- Give precedence to one athlete over another.
- Use any electronic device (cell phone, camera, etc.).
- Coach during your officiating duties.
- Give technical advice to individual athletes.
- Wear clothing advertising any individual club unless it has been part of a meet package that all officials were issued.
- Use profane language, smoke or drink alcohol.
- Provide athletes with medication.

For further information: <http://www.bcathletics.org/documents/ethics.pdf>