

IHNSW Respect and Responsibility Policy

- Coaches and Managers are not to approach referees during breaks in matches;
- Referees are empowered to send Coaches and Managers from the bench as well as asking for removal of any unruly spectators / parents;
- Referees are empowered to stop games to deal with inappropriate situations.
- Zero tolerance by Referees for any form of abuse;
- Only Captains of Teams are eligible to address the Referee during matches;
- Coaches must be accredited and be actively coaching to retain accreditation – accreditation becomes void after 2 years of non-participation.
- Coaches are required to attend a rules course as part of their accreditation;
- Referees are required to upgrade their accreditation every 3 years and every year for National Tournaments;
- Players aged between 14 and 18 as at the 31st of December of the same year, are required to attend a rules course to be eligible for State Teams and Finals games
- At the beginning of each year, a forum is held for Referees, Coaches and Managers to discuss acceptable protocol and behaviour.
- Codes of Conduct are to be signed by each Club Team Coach and Manager;
- Players are to sign a Code of Conduct when registering.
- All parents who are Active Volunteers are to sign a Code of Conduct.
- A Tribunal system that addresses any reporting of players, will serve automatic suspensions for any form of abuse.
- A Referee mentoring and development system.
- Codes of Conduct will include a specific reference to respect of women;
- Member Protection Officer Training on a yearly basis;
- Distribution to all Clubs of the policies at the beginning of each season;
- Players wear a 'Respect' patch – assists with prevention of injury;