

British Canoe Union Canoe Polo Committee

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL REFEREES

1. Referees are expected to officiate in an impartial and unbiased manner.
2. Referees should make every effort to appear correctly dressed when officiating games at any level.
3. Referees should not publicly criticise other referees in front of, or to, competing teams.
4. Referees must remember that they are officiating to promote a safe and well disciplined game.
5. Referees must be vigilant in the checking of equipment and prevent unsafe equipment being used. (Watches, rings and chains, friendship bands etc are not permitted).
6. Referees should be positive, decisive and clear with their use of whistle, decisions and signals.
7. Referees must not tolerate foul language or abusive behaviour during or between games.
8. Referees must attempt to achieve a high standard of consistency with their decisions.
9. Referees must position themselves using the leading and trailing system as a guide, but in positions which afford a full view of the game.
10. Referees should be vigilant over dangerous play and play which is likely to cause friction between players.
11. Referees should carry a notebook and pencil in order to record details of players being sent off, or misconduct details.
12. Names of all players who are sent off, or misconduct details must be recorded and the Player Sending Off form completed and sent to the Chief Referee within seven days.

13. Incidents of serious misconduct must be reported to the Chairman or Secretary, Marking the “Report of Player(s) Being Send Off” form (**RG13**) appropriately, as soon as possible after the tournament. Statements from witnesses, or a list of witnesses (together with addresses and phone numbers) can be entered on the reverse of the form.
14. Referees should attempt to set a high standard example of officiating and show a professional attitude to players and officials of a lower grade.
15. Referees should attempt to help and encourage aspiring and lower grade referees.