



UMPIRES & MATCH OFFICIALS CODE OF BEHAVIOR

“BETTER PEOPLE MAKE BETTER UMPIRES”

Umpires are integral to the integrity and fairness of our sport. See below USA Cricket’s foundational code of behaviour for umpires. Umpires should:

- In accordance with USA Cricket guidelines, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people;
- Compliment and encourage all participants;
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- Condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for all participants;
- Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than the errors;
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable;
- Be a good sport yourself - actions speak louder than words;
- Keep up-to-date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people;
- Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive;
- Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else;
- Give all people a ‘fair go’ regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.