



NEWMAN MARTIAL ARTS

Emersons Green - Chipping Sodbury



Code of Conduct for Officials

- All Officials must treat everyone fairly and sensitively at all times regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation, religion or political affiliation.
- To aim to be consistent, objective, impartial and courteous when applying the rules of the event.
- To compliment all competitors on good play when opportunity arises.
- To openly encourage all participants to play within the rules and the spirit of the event or competition.
- To try to ensure that the event or competition is allowed to flow with only the minimum amount of stoppages as is necessary.
- To show patience and understanding towards students who may be learning how to take part in events or competitions.
- Not be afraid to make decisions. An official should be firm and fair at all times and must resist any possible influence from protests made by or for the students, teams, or team officials or spectators.
- To show respect at all times towards students and team officials.
- To be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of students or team officials involved in the event or competition.
- To inform the person directly responsible if they are unable to officiate for any reason.
- To refrain from asking for or requesting hospitality of any kind, or to accept any hospitality offered to them and that could be considered as excessive in any way.
- To always have regard to the best interests of the event or competition, this includes where publicly expressing an opinion on the event or competition or any particular aspect of it including any persons or officials that may have been involved.
- Not to tolerate foul, sexist or racist language from students, officials or any spectators.
- To respect the power that hold as an official, and use their power with good judgement and care and to always respect others when enforcing any authority.
- To always hold the safety of the participants as the primary goal.
- To always show due respect when speaking with participants, even in the event of infringements.
- In the event of an official needing to make a report of an incident, they should only provide the facts and not attempt to justify any decisions that were made.
- Where it is necessary for an official's authority to be protected, not only for the sake of the event or competition but also in the best interest of fellow officials, this should be done, however at no point should this in any way influence the overriding regard for the protection of the participants.
- An official should refrain from publicly expressing any criticism of a fellow official.
- An official should always assist with the development of less experienced officials and assistant officials.