



Southern Independent Conference Officials Alliance

Rules / Regulations & Minimum Standards

(Adopted 7/02)

ARTICLE 1 – Membership

No official is to be assigned or booked through this association without submitting a membership application and appropriate fee. The board of directors shall review each official's application. All applicants are subject to a criminal background check. All members are expected to adhere to the conditions and minimum standards on their application.

Officials that submit their application do so with the understanding that there are no assurances on game assignments including the quantity or quality of said games.

ARTICLE 2 – MEETING ATTENDANCE

A member must attend $\frac{3}{4}$ of the regularly scheduled meetings to remain in good standing. If a member cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting, they must notify the secretary in writing with a verifiable excuse. Regardless, if a member is put in bad standing for missing meetings, they will be required to appear before the board of directors for disposition.

ARTICLE 3 – LISTING OF OFFENSES & PENALTIES

The following list represents the minimum penalties for violating prescribed rules and standards:

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| 1. Failure to appear at a SICOA assigned contest(s) | <i>Removal From Assignment Roster Until Verifiable Excuse Is Provided & Proved</i> |
| 2. Failure to appear at a SICOA assigned contest(s) (2 nd Offense) | <i>Removal From Assignment Roster Must Go Before The Board</i> |
| 3. Tardiness (1 st Offense) | <i>Verbal Reprimand & Warning</i> |
| 4. Tardiness (2 nd and Subsequent Offenses) | <i>Suspension From Assignment Roster Must Go Before The Board</i> |
| 5. Failure To Wear Prescribed Uniform | <i>Written Letter Of Reprimand & If Not Corrected, Suspension Until Compliance</i> |
| 6. Misconduct | <i>To Be Judged On Written Testimony And If Deemed Serious, To Be Forwarded On To The Board of Directors.</i> |
| 7. Failure To Report Ejections or Submit Game Reports | <i>Verbal And/Or Written Warning. If Repeated Must Go Before The Board</i> |
| 8. Physical Contact With Coach, Fellow Official Or Non-Player | <i>Immediate Suspension Pending A Full Investigation By The Board</i> |
| 9. Statements of criticism or other derogatory remarks concerning athletes, schools, youth parks, coaches, fellow officials etc.: | <i>Complaint Will Be Investigated And Turned</i> |



*Over To The Board Of Directors For
Disposition*

THE SICOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY TO RULE ON THE DISPOSITION OF ANY VIOLATION OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS. SICOA FOLLOWS THE SAME PENALTY CODE AND MAY STRENGTHEN THOSE PENALTIES AS LISTED IN THE FHSAA OFFICIALS GUIDEBOOK.