



## **Conflict of Interest Policy**

Every official has the duty to disclose potential conflicts of interests to the coordinator at the time of assignment. The following circumstances are expressly designated as potential conflict of interest situations and are required to be disclosed:

Referee has children or relatives on either of the teams

Referee has coached either of the teams in the prior four years

Referee has played on either of the teams in the prior four years

Referee has attended the school of either of the teams in the prior four years

Other situations may also constitute a conflict of interest so, if there is even a remote chance, the official must disclose and allow the ref coordinator to make the decision.

The reason that this decision must be made by the ref coordinator is because a coach may protest a game if he feels that the referee had a conflict of interest. It can result in the game being replayed and a loss of trust. All of this may be avoided by full disclosure at the time of assigning.