



### Approach to Umpiring

Officials provide leadership and guidance to participants, ensuring that the competition is conducted in a safe and fair manner. This includes how they behave and relate to others prior to, during and following competition, how they present themselves as an official and how they go about their role. Although officiating involves technical knowledge, the softer skills, including a positive approach is crucial to being an effective umpire. There are a number of integral qualities to the role of the official. These include being:

- **Trustworthy** – honest and impartial
- **Responsible** – have integrity and take the role seriously
- **Organised** – prepared physically and mentally for the task
- **Competent** – have and are further developing the skills for the task
- **Consistent** – decisions should be the same in identical or similar circumstances, and rules should be applied equally to both opponents
- **Rapport** – relating effectively to others
- **Decisiveness** – prompt and decisive actions
- **Poise** – remain calm and poised, regardless of the situation
- **Integrity** – officiating in an unbiased and honest manner
- **Confidence** – have confidence in yourself and your abilities
- **Enjoyment/ Motivation** – enjoyment and a positive mental attitude in your role maintains motivation

