



South Florida Youth Basketball League Coaches Code of Conduct

All travel and recreation head coaches will be given a copy of this policy at the beginning of each basketball season. Each coach will be asked to sign a copy and return it to a member of the Board of Directors or to one of the Division Coordinators for recreation basketball.

Coaches Code of Conduct:

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the youth athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- Rights to have fun in sports.
- Rights to participate in sports.
- Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- Right to have qualified leadership.
- Right to play as a child
- Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- Right to proper preparation for participation in sports.
- Right to be treated with dignity.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches as given next:

- I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, league official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
- I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching, and evaluation techniques and strategies of my sport.
- I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sports.
- I will become familiar with the objectives of the youth sport program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my athletes and their parents.
- I will uphold the authority of league officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
- I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my athletes so that I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- I will conduct my practices and games so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
- I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the right and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
- I will cooperate with the administration of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations.

- I will not tolerate any form of abuse of children, be it physical, emotional or ethical and will immediately report any such abuse to the proper authorities.
- I will ensure that the players and spectators follow all building rules and regulations.
- I will ensure that fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites.
- I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
- I will instruct assistant coaches, scorekeepers, and timekeepers in the responsibilities in accordance with the rule and procedures.

South Florida Youth Basketball has a zero tolerance policy for any coach or assistant coach in violation of anything pertaining to this matter.

South Florida Youth Basketball has implemented a plan of supervision that monitors its coaches in day to day relationships with their players. It has advised its coaches the following:

1. Never be alone with a player (other than your own) when they are unobservable by others. This includes when a coach is transporting players. A coach should never be in any one on one situation in the coach's vehicle with a player who is not the coach's son or daughter.
2. Never leave a child unsupervised.
3. Coaches should always use positive techniques of behavior management and never resort to physical or emotional forms of disciplinary action.
4. Treat each player equally, with respect and consideration.
5. Coaches will not use profanity, inappropriate jokes, or share any intimate information with children, parents, volunteers, or other coaches.
6. Coaches should try to never release children to anyone other than their parent or guardian.
7. Coaches must report any violation to this Code of Conduct to a South Florida Youth Basketball Member immediately.
8. For travel team coaches, never share any living quarters with a player who is not related to the coach, regardless of the number of people sharing the room.

I have read this Code of Conduct in its entirety and agree to abide by all rules contained herein.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____