

Sanford Springvale Youth Athletic League

Coaching Code of Ethics

I, _____, hereby pledge to abide by, and live up to, my position as a SSYAA Coach by following the Coaches' Code of Ethics:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
2. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
3. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
4. I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
5. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
6. I understand that as Head Coach I am responsible for all Coaches, Players, Parents and Fans and as such I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players in my dealings with opposing coaches and officials.
7. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use or influence while at all youth sports events.
8. I will be to the best of my ability be knowledgeable in the proper technique and rules of the sport I coach, and I will teach these proper techniques and rules in order to promote the safety and sportsmanship of all players.
9. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
10. I will abide by and adhere to the guidelines as set forth by the SSYAA board of directors, as to fair play and good sportsmanship. I will immediately do everything in my power to equalize the level of play between my team and my opponents. I will to the best of my ability promote team achievement, and the development leadership skills, by encouraging talented athletes to support and include their younger, less experienced teammates to experience success. Coaches will refer to their individual sports rules regarding the details of control of game.

My signing this pledge to the SSYAA program I acknowledge and endorse that it is my intent to have all involved in our league understand at all times what is going on the field of play and endorse a non-humiliation environment for the positive development of our student athletes. It is further understood that each team in SSYAA may share this document with the players and their parents and guardians.

It is further understood that any violations of this Code will be reviewed first by the SSYAA Board of Directors, not directly involved in the complaint. If said complaint is found to contain merit, then the individual affected is entitled and may be required to appear before the SSYAA Board of directors for the purpose of exonerating the accused or imposing sanctions against the offender.

Sanctions will be in accordance to the following: A First time violation will result in a Notice of Violation for a written response to the infraction. Any subsequent violation(s) will result in but are not limited to suspension of coach, probation, and expulsion from coaching in the league for multiple violations.

Coach's Name Printed

Coach's Signature

Date Signed

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