

SSYO CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

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Coaches, along with the student athletes comprise the heart of the SSYO sports program. While it is extremely important to have hard working, competent and dedicated coaches. It is more important that all involved present themselves in a positive way to that very impressionable child they will be helping.

Coaches will therefore be expected to:

- a. Exemplify the highest standard in ethical behavior and fair play.
- b. Refrain from using obscene language or gestures.
- c. Approach Officials in a respectful manner whether or not you are in agreement, and encourage your players to do the same.
- d. Show respect to other coaches and teams by example both during and away from any contest.
- e. Respect the facilities used when at other schools and churches.
- f. Make sure your team leaves any rooms used in better condition than when they arrived.
- g. Accept responsibility for the conduct of yourself, your team and the fans who accompany your team.
- h. Abide by all league rules/regulations.

SSYO CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS

All children participating in any activity must abide by the following code of conduct and show good sportsmanship at all times by:

- a. Refrain from using obscene language and gestures.
- b. Avoid the use of alcohol, tobacco or any other illegal substance.
- c. Respect officials, coaches, and the players from other teams.
- d. Respect the school and parish gyms and fields used.
- e. Be a good winner and a kind loser.
- f. Accept the responsibility for your own actions.
- g. Follow all league rules.

SSYO CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

All children participating, all who are coaching, and all involved in officiating have a right to be treated with fairness and respect. The State Law will be enforced which prohibits any fan from either physical or verbal threat of physical confrontation. SSYO will stress sportsmanship on the part of spectators. Therefore, anyone who attends a SSYO activity, whether paying an admission fee or not, will be subject to the following guidelines:

- a. Do not approach the officials following a game unless you have a positive comment.

- b. Do not undermine the effectiveness of officials by shouting negative or argumentative statements from the stands.
- c. Treat the children from the “other team” the way you would want your child to be treated.
- d. Be supportive of your coaches. They are there because they care. Allow them to do the coaching. If there are problems, take care of them at your own organizational meeting.
- e. SSYO plays under National Federation rules with adaptations per sport.
- f. **No spectators** will be allowed on the court at any time while in the gym for basketball games. This includes before and after games, during time outs and half time.

SUSPENSION

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Any SSYO participant, coach, or spectator may be subject to suspension from any and all SSYO activities if there is a violation of:

Athlete:

- a. Unsportsmanlike conduct immediately before, during or immediately after a league contest.
- b. Unnecessary roughness during the course of a game.
- c. Abuse of facilities or personal property.
- d. Verbal abuse to other players, coaches, or officials.
- e. Use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco throughout the school year.

Coaches:

- a. Violation of league eligibility rules.
- b. Unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the scene of a league contest.
- c. Unacceptable bench etiquette.
- d. Use of alcohol, non-prescription drugs and tobacco while coaching.

Spectators:

- a. Unsportsmanlike conduct. (Excessive rowdiness, unacceptable language or gestures name calling or general abuse toward student athletes, other spectators, coaches or officials.)
- b. Not obeying facility rules (smoking where prohibited, using improper entrances and exits, not using parking areas provided, etc)
- c. Adults must keep younger children attending a sporting event with them at all times in order to avoid accidents.

INSURANCE

SSYO does not offer an insurance program for participants, coaches, and fans. It is the responsibility of the school that the individuals are involved with to make this known students athlete must be either covered by their family health plan or through their school organization.

SSYO recommends the notification of all parents of players prior the start of each activity of their insurance responsibility.

As each participant signs up, it might serve your organization well if their health plan and company were part of your records. Coaches should have a health record for each participant.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

If you wish to discuss concerns or problems, it is best to begin with the person with whom you are having difficulty. Usually, sitting down and communicating openly is the most efficient and effective way to resolve conflicts. If after discussion with the coach no resolution is reached, please contact the Executive Director. If no resolution is reached at that point, the President of the SSYO will be called into the discussion. If the situation is not satisfactorily resolved at this point, a meeting with the coach, Executive Director, President and/or Board of Directors will be called to resolve the situation.