



## **Southwest 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.

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



Southwest 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 Southwest 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\_\_\_\_\_