

Smithfield Recreation Association Coaches' Code of Conduct

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents and coaches to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, and lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, or coaching in any event sponsored by Smithfield Recreation Association and shall conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my players, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
4. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
5. I will not use drugs, tobacco or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not engage in the use of profanity or in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
7. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
8. I will do my best to provide a safe practice and playing situation for my players. All practice and game times must be approved by the appropriate SRA Board member, and only held at an approved time and location.
9. I will be knowledgeable in the rules, and I will teach these rules to my players.
10. I am responsible for the actions of my team, and will take all necessary action to insure that my players follow the rules and regulations agreed upon under SRA Code of Conduct(s), Mission Statement, Bi Laws, Special Rules of Play, and PONY Association guidelines.
11. I will follow all rules, guidelines, and expectations presented by the Baseball or Softball Commissioner, SRA Board, and PONY.

I hereby agree to conform to the SRA Coaches Code of Conduct and failure to do so will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the SRA disciplinary guidelines. I also understand that failure to follow code of conduct could result in the termination or suspension of my coaching position, up to the termination of my SRA membership.

Signature _____ Date: _____