

### **Coach Code of Conduct/Expectations**

- ✓ I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and the game is for children and **NOT** adults.
- ✓ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my desire to win.
- ✓ I will respect my players, coaches, opponents, parents, fans, officials, and myself and avoid negative criticism.
- ✓ I will follow the SAYBA grade level expectations and the SAYBA playing time guidelines.
- ✓ I will produce an environment which fosters learning by requiring:
  - Respect.
  - Listening – eye contact.
  - Working hard and always hustling.
  - Being focused on basketball.
  - Consequences – consistent and fair.
- ✓ I will be always under control and only raise my voice when necessary (get players attention).
- ✓ I will **NOT** engage in or allow my players to trash talk, taunt, or behave in ways that demean players on my team, players on opposing teams, officials, fans, or the game of basketball.
- ✓ I will **NOT** engage in or permit profanity or obscene gestures.
- ✓ I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- ✓ I will be on time for practices and games, and I will develop practice plans for each practice so everyone knows what will happen during the whole practice and everyone will understand what is expected.
- ✓ I will challenge my players (within reason) to be their best, to be better than the previous day, and will get the players to do more than they thought they could do using techniques appropriate for each skill taught.
  - ✓ I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the game, and I will teach the correct rules to my players.
  - ✓ I understand my example is powerful - for better or worse. If I insist on fair play and hard work, if I concentrate on my players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long-term development, and if I support the officials, my players and their parents will notice. If I encourage (or allow) my players to play outside the rules, if I am overly concerned about results, and if I criticize the officials harshly, my players and their parents will also notice.
- ✓ I will notify the President and grade level representative within 48 hours, and give a detailed explanation, of ANY:
  - Potential coach/player, coach/parent, or coach/official altercations/issues that could be questionable or perceived as being in opposition to this code of conduct.
  - Technical fouls called on myself, and my teams' players, coaches, and fans.
- ✓ I will respond to all SAYBA board member inquiries within 24 hours.
- ✓ I will retain ALL Player and Parent SAYBA Code of Conduct forms through the end of the season.

**I agree and understand that coaching basketball in the SAYBA program is a privilege and therefore, in the event a majority of the SAYBA Board determines a coach's conduct violates this Code of Conduct or is in any way detrimental to SAYBA, the Board has the absolute right to determine the severity of the discipline, including, but not limited to, a warning, game/games suspension, or season suspension, as well as the loss of opportunity to coach in future seasons. Refusal to appear before the SAYBA board when requested to do so will result in the immediate loss of coaching privileges for the remainder of the season AND ALL children NOT being able to participate in SAYBA.**