

SYB Coaches Code of Conduct

The mission of SYB is to provide high-quality in-town recreational and travel basketball programs for the youth of Sandwich in grades 1-8 by promoting the following goals: to provide a high-quality basketball program with a keen focus on sportsmanship, skill development, and fun for the youth of Sandwich; through example, to build character and confidence; and to enable the youth of Sandwich to enjoy the game of basketball. To achieve these goals, SYB encourages all participants in SYB programs, be it players, coaches, or fans, to act in a responsible manner, both on and off the court.

To further the SYB mission, SYB rec and clinic coaches will adhere to the following standards and expectations:

- Coaches will place the emotional and physical well-being of their players ahead of a personal desire to win. For coaches, the primary responsibility is to teach the players sportsmanship and the fundamental skills of basketball. Teaching the skills of basketball can encompass many difficult drills, but SYB requires that all drills be conducted with the players in mind. Sportsmanship is taught through example and behavior. Through practice and games, the participants can enjoy the game of basketball and strive to do well. Playing the game to the best of one's ability should be the primary goal of the players, and to provide an enjoyable atmosphere should be the primary goal of the adults involved.
- Coaches will treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect. All players shall receive playing time according to the equal participation rules established by SYB and in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- Coaches will encourage players to enjoy the game of basketball and provide equal opportunities to learn the game regardless of skill level, race, religion, color, sex, body type, disability or ability.
- Coaches must lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players. Coaches must abide by and support the rules of basketball in general and in specific the rules adopted by SYB.
- Coaches shall be gracious in victory and defeat, and shall maintain a positive, helpful and supportive attitude toward all players and coaches in the basketball program. Never forget that you are coaching someone else's children in a youth basketball program. Always emphasize fun and participation over winning and losing.
- Coaches shall provide a safe playing environment for their players at all times and shall provide an environment for their team that is free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Be prepared to deal with minor injuries that occur during normal practice and game situations. Demonstrate concern for the health and wellbeing of your players. Notify the parents of any players who are injured no matter how minor the injury.
- Coaches shall be prepared! You and your players should show up early for games and practices. Have a practice plan and execute it. Make practices fun and educational with equal emphasis on conditioning and skills.

If you have questions or need assistance in running practices, teaching skills or rules of the game ask your commissioner for assistance.

The SYB Board will investigate any and all reports of incidences of inappropriate behavior by coaches. Action will be taken if necessary and may include removal from the program.