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The Springfield Youth Club

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Each coach participating in an activity of The Springfield Youth Club (the "SYC" or the "Club") will ensure that his/her conduct is that of a lady or gentleman, demonstrating at all times the highest level of sportsmanship and fair play. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, every coach is expected to comply with the rules of the SYC Coach's Code of Conduct as set out below.

1. Know the rules of the activity or sport that he or she is coaching and abide by them.
2. Instruct team members in the rules of the game and motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
3. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
4. Ensure that the players and spectators follow all building and facility rules and regulations at, and during, SYC sponsored activities.
5. Ensure that the fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites. Assist game officials in maintaining control of spectators and players during the games.
6. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win and lose.
7. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
8. Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating. Do not physically assault, or threaten to physically assault, any person (including, but not limited to, any player, spectator, parent, guardian, game official or a coach).
9. Instruct team support personnel (e.g., assistant coaches, line persons, scorekeepers, and timekeepers) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and procedures.
10. Never consume alcohol at SYC sponsored activities (especially in the presence of players) or allow it to be consumed during any SYC sponsored activity including, but not limited to, practices and games. Never be in an inebriated state at any SYC sponsored activities including, but not limited to, practices and games.
11. Never encourage, tolerate or indulge in substance abuse.
12. Never smoke or use tobacco products in front of players during any SYC sponsored activity including, but not limited to, practices or games.
13. Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on its sportsmanship and courtesy.

14. Comply with the SYC Child Protection Policy which includes remaining at a playing site or practice field until all children on the team have been picked up by either their parent or their guardian.

15. Comply with the SYC Equal Opportunity Policy, which prohibits discrimination based upon race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, age, disability or handicap, sex, marital status, family responsibilities, matriculation, personal appearance, sexual orientation, political affiliation or veteran status.

I (print name) _____ agree to abide by The Springfield Youth Club Coach's Code of Conduct whenever participating in an SYC sponsored activity. I also acknowledge that failure to follow the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension from Club activities or expulsion from the SYC.

(Signature) _____