

The Springfield/South County Youth Club Code of Conduct for Coaches and Team Parents

Each Coach or Team Parent participating in an activity of The Springfield/South County 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 and team parent is expected to comply with the rules of the Code of Conduct as set forth below.

1. Coaches will know the rules of the activity or sport that he or she is coaching and abide by them.
2. Coaches will instruct team members in the rules of the game and motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
3. Coaches and Team Parents will respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
4. Coaches and Team Parents will ensure that the players and spectators follow all building and facility rules and regulations at, and during, SYC sponsored activities.
5. Coaches and Team Parents will ensure that the fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites, and will assist game officials in maintaining control of spectators and players during the games.
6. Coaches and Team Parents will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win and lose.
7. Coaches and Team Parents will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
8. Coaches and Team Parents will maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile or humiliating; and will not physically assault, or threaten to physically assault, any person (including, but not limited to, any player, spectator, parent, guardian, game official or coach).

9. Coaches and Team Parents will instruct team support personnel (e.g., assistant coaches, line persons, scorekeepers, and timekeepers) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and procedures.
10. Coaches and Team Parents will 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, and will never be in an inebriated state at any SYC sponsored activities including, but not limited to, practices and games.
11. Coaches and Team Parents will never encourage, tolerate or indulge in substance abuse.
12. Coaches and Team Parents will never smoke or use tobacco products in front of players during any SYC sponsored activity including, but not limited to, practices or games.
13. Coaches and Team Parents will 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. Coaches and Team Parents will be committed to supporting and growing SYC and to complying with all NVYLL Rules regarding conduct, including NVYLL Rules 1.7.5.a and 1.7.5.b which set forth that any coach, moving from one club to another, is restricted from taking any players, except their own children, and that no Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or any other club official shall recruit or otherwise solicit players from another lacrosse club.
15. Coaches and Team Parents will 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.
16. Coaches and Team Parents will 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 above Code of Conduct. I 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) _____