

# Coaches Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to live up to the following LSBGA Coaching Code of Ethics

- ♣ I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- ♣ I will remember that I have tremendous influence on my athletes, and will never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- ♣ I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- ♣ I will do my very best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.
- ♣ I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- ♣ I will lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- ♣ I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of basketball, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
- ♣ I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- ♣ I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- ♣ I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sports environment for my team and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all games and practices.
- ♣ In both victory and defeat, my behavior as a coach shall model grace, dignity, and composure.

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Head Coach:

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Signature

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Date

Assistant Coach:

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