



## **Spring-Ford Youth Basketball Coaches' Code of Conduct Effective 2025-08-22**

### **OBSERVATION OF LEAGUE RULES**

- Coaches will learn, understand and enforce the rules of the game for the age and competition level that they are coaching. Coaches agree to attend any skill sessions or clinics that may be required by the Board of Directors.
- Coaches will comply with and observe all league rules, policies and procedures.
- Coaches will do their best to teach the fundamentals of the game of basketball and instill a passion for the game.
- Coaches will maintain open and honest communication with players, their parents or guardians, and the SFYB Board of Directors and/or Division Commissioners.
- Coaches are a guest of the Spring-Ford Area School district gyms and as such will treat the gyms and staff with respect.
- Coaches will not leave a team practice until all players are picked up.
- Head Coaches will comply and follow the Head Coaches Responsibilities checklist.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP AND ROLE MODELS**

- Coaches will be a positive role model both on and off the court and do their best to provide players with a positive and fun experience.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will ensure fair play by giving all players an opportunity to participate and develop their skills. Coaches will avoid favoritism.
- Coaches shall respect and support league officials and comply with their decisions on the court. Coaches will not indulge in conduct which would incite

players or spectators against the officials.

- Coaches will not use alcohol, tobacco products, or illicit drugs when in contact with players; SFYB will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child

## **RESPECTFUL TREATMENT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators, opposing coaches, league officials, other volunteers, and referees with respect.

As outlined in the Spring-Ford Youth Basketball Corrective Action Policy, any behavior that undermines the core values of SFYB or is deemed to be unbecoming will not be tolerated. The SFYB Corrective Action Policy outlines a number of behaviors that most certainly are considered to be in violation of SFYB Personal Conduct Policies and **will not be tolerated**, such as the following:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Harassment, aggressive or threatening body language and/or threats
- Physical altercations or physical contact of any kind
- Verbal abuse, profanity and/or obscene gestures
- Aggressive and/or excessive arguing

## **NOTES FOR ELEMENTARY AGE RECREATION PROGRAM COACHES**

### ***Grades K-2 Recreation Program***

The SFYB Grades K-2 Recreation Program follows a half-court 3v3 format, utilizing coaches to referee during games. Scores will not be kept during the games.

All coaches in this division will referee alongside and partner with opposing team coaches to ensure a fair, encouraging environment for all players.

### ***Grades 3 and 4 Recreation Program***

The SFYB Grades 3-4 Recreation Program follows a full court 5v5 format utilizing high school-aged students taking part in the SFYB Youth Official Program as referees.

All coaches in this division will support and encourage the youth officials as they learn to referee games, remembering that as coaches, their job is to support development of all youth (players and youth officials) involved in the program.