



Coaches' Code of Ethics/Conduct

As a volunteer in the Southern Colorado Basketball League Program, I understand that it is my duty to adhere to the following Code of Ethics which will help me foster the development and well being of the athletes I have been entrusted to coach. **As a coach I will:**

- _____ Remember that the game is for the athletes and not the adults.
- _____ Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well being of the participants.
- _____ Refuse to disparage an opponent, and official, a scorekeeper, and administrator or spectator in any aspect of the activity.
- _____ Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play as they relate to the lifetime impact on the participants.
- _____ Cultivate awareness that participation in athletics is part of the total education process. Coaches are encouraged to stress balance between athletics and academics and the importance of being a "student-athlete."
- _____ Develop a working awareness and understanding of all rules and guidelines governing competition, both in letter and intent.
- _____ Avoid any practice or technique that would endanger the present or future welfare or safety of any participant .
- _____ Adhere to policies that do not force or encourage athletes to specialize or restrict them from participation on other teams or a variety of activities.
- _____ Strongly encourage the development of proper health habits, including the non-use of chemicals, alcohol, steroids, tobacco, and other mood-altering substances.
- _____ Exemplify proper self-control at all times, adverse decisions without public display of emotion or dissatisfaction with officials.
- _____ Organize practices that emphasize fun, sportsmanship, fundamentals of the game and that are challenging for the players.
- _____ Abide by any disciplinary action that SoCo imposes on me, due to not complying with these rules.

Parents' & Fans' Code of Ethics /Conduct

As parent/Guardian or fan, I pledge to:

- _____ Set the standard for sportsmanship with other spectators, officials and coaches.
- _____ Attend games as much as possible.
- _____ Be a positive role model for my player and other players.
- _____ Be knowledgeable of the game and understand the rules.
- _____ Be respectful of the game and of the others; expect your player to be respectful of others.
- _____ Remember that the game is for the players, not adults.
- _____ Support the decisions of the coaches and officials
- _____ Encourage positive communication between coaches, players and parents. No comments to or about officials or opposing players are allowed.
- _____ Encourage fair play during competition at all times.
- _____ Focus on good nutrition and healthy habits at home.
- _____ Keep athletics in proper perspective in relation to education and academics.
- _____ Never use obscene language or gestures.
- _____ Abide by any disciplinary action that SoCo may impose on me for not complying with any of the above rules.
- _____ I understand there are consequences for my actions, and persistent violation of the above points will jeopardize my standing as a parent within the SoCo Competitive Basketball program.