

SYBA CODE OF CONDUCT

(For rec league and travel teams)

A. Player Behavior

1. Sportsmanship

- a. Players are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner.
- b. Players should never question the referee's call.

2. Technical Fouls

- a. A player will be ejected from the game after two technical fouls are assessed against that player in one game.
- b. The ejected player will also be suspended for the next game.
- c. To fulfill his/her suspension, the ejected player must sit on the bench for the full game of his/her suspension.
- d. The Board of Directors must be notified prior to game suspension.
- e. Players receiving one or more technical fouls in multiple games may be subject to additional action per discussion among the coach, division director and president.

3. Player Ejection

In addition to section 2a, a player may be ejected from the game for the following reasons:

- a. Flagrant fouls
- b. Fighting
- c. Abusive language or gestures
- d. Destruction of school property or league property.

4. Player Suspension/Dismissal

The SYBA Board of Directors may act to suspend or terminate a player's participation in the SYBA for conduct that the Board of Directors deem to be detrimental to the SYBA and/or detrimental to its players.

B. Coach Behavior

1. Behavior

- a. All coaches/assistants are responsible for team/player behavior and good sportsmanship before, during and after the game.
- b. Coaches must treat players, referees, other coaches, parents, and spectators with respect.
- c. Coaches must not be verbally abusive with the officials.
- d. During a stoppage of play, a coach may respectfully inquire about a particular rule or request clarification on a decision. (ie: A coach may request clarification on a rule, but there should not be arguments concerning judgment calls.)
- e. Coaches are role models for the players. Since the players are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner, the coaches should model this behavior.

2. Technical Foul

- a. A technical foul may be issued to coaches/assistants who fail to comply with the warning of the referee.
- b. A coach/assistant will be ejected from the game and suspended from the next game if he/she receives two technical fouls in one game.

c. The officials will report any technical fouls to the league president.

3. Coach Suspension/Dismissal

Coaches/assistants may be suspended or dismissed from the League for behavior unbecoming to a coach. The President and the appropriate Division Director will collaborate on this decision.

C. Parent/Spectator Behavior

1. Expectations

- a. Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
- b. Always respect players, coaches/assistants, referees, and other spectators.
- c. Display good sportsmanship.
- d. Recognize good efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- e. Be supportive after the game, regardless of the outcome.
- f. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. Communicate with them and support them.
- g. Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- h. If a parent or spectator observes inappropriate behavior by another parent or spectator, he/she should notify their child's coach and/or the Division Director. It is hopeful that these issues can be resolved before they escalate.

2. Behaviors in violation of Code of Conduct

- a. Using obscene or vulgar language and/or gestures in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- b. Baiting, ridiculing, threatening physical violence or engaging in physical violence toward any player, coach/assistant, referee, or any other spectator.
- c. Questioning the referee's call or making negative comments about the referee's call.
- d. Throwing any object in the bleachers, onto the court, or at the players' bench directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

3. Penalties

When a parent or spectator violates the Code of Conduct, the President, with consultation with the appropriate Division Director, will determine if a penalty should be imposed. Based on the severity and frequency of the incident, parents or spectators may be warned or suspended from attending games. Length of suspension depends upon the severity and frequency of the incident.

D. Travel Teams

The Metrowest Travel League and Travel Team tournaments have their own Codes of Conduct. The SYBA Board of Directors expect that players/coaches/parents/spectators display appropriate and respectful behavior as they represent SYBA. If players/coaches/parents/spectators demonstrate behavior that is against the Codes of Conduct for the Metrowest Travel League and/or a Travel Team tournament, that person may be subject to a consequence per Metrowest and/or the Travel Team tournament. In addition, that person may receive a consequence per SYBA.

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