

Code of Ethics

All players and parents should recognize that the coaches and managers in the BCSFYAO are all volunteers who freely give of their time, energy and expertise. Please respect them because they are the backbone of the organization. The BCSFYAO expects all players, parents and coaches to abide by the following Code of Ethics:

BCSFYAO Players Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to abide by the BCSFYAO Code of Ethics:

- I will practice good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support and respect towards all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice and BCSFYAO event;
- I will play the game of basketball to the best of my ability within the framework of team play and within the rules of the game;
- I accept that youth basketball is played for recreation and that all players should be allowed to enjoy friendly competition without fear of physical or verbal abuse;
- I will respect the guidance given by my coach and manager and will try to the best of my ability to learn the rules and skills necessary to play basketball.

BCSFYAO Parents Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide support, care and encouragement for my client as a participant in the BCSFYAO program by following this Code of Ethics:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice and other BCSFYAO events;
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win;
- I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment;
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my client to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all;
- I will remember that the game is for the children and not the adults;
- I will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child;
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and official with respect;
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation and whatever I am capable of doing.

BCSFYAO Coaches Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to abide by the BCSFYAO Coaches Code of Ethics:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win;
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group;
- I will do my best to provide a safe play situation for my players;
- I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principals needed to treat injuries of my players;
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all of my players;
- I will lead by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all of my players;
- I will insure that I am knowledgeable in the basic rules of basketball and that I will teach these rules to my players;
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for the age group of my players to teach them basketball skills;
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.

Disciplinary Actions

Unsportsmanship conduct, verbal badgering and/or physical confrontations between parents, players, coaches, managers and referees will not be tolerated. Mutual respect between all members is essential for the well being of the BCSFYAO. Should the actions of a player or parent be deemed as contrary to the philosophy and guiding principles of the BCSFYAO, the coach and/or manager of the team will take appropriate disciplinary action(s). The actions of the player or parent and the disciplinary action(s) taken will be discussed with the Boys' or Girls' Commissioner. The Commissioners will bring to the BCSFYAO Board any actions that they feel need further attention.