



Southport Recreation Association (SRA)

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A sports organization which is "all about the kids."

SRA LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Southport Recreation Association has been providing youth sports programs to children in the local area for over 50 years. Our founding principle, which remains true today, is that all children should have the opportunity participate and have fun in sports, irrespective of skill level or income. Our recreational sports programs build character in such areas as teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, physical fitness and self esteem. The Code of Conduct is central to our mission.

Coaches Code *As a coach, I will...*

1. Set a positive example for the players, parents, and spectators through appropriate actions and words.
2. Serve as a role model demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.
3. Place an emphasis and high level of effort into my coaching responsibilities to my team. Being on time, organized, and responsible are important as is teaching the sport through challenging and fun practices.
4. At all times place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
5. Respect the decisions of umpires and referees who are in charge of the game. Concerns with call will be handled in a professional and courteous manner.
6. Know that athletic contests are competitive, but the emotional and physical desires of my players are ahead of any personal desire to win.
7. Games are educational experiences not only for the sport being played, but also for the life skills which are taught in "how the game is played."
8. Address inappropriate behavior among your team's players, parents, or spectators. Notify League Commissioner or SRA Board Member if a situation becomes beyond your control.
9. Have a firm knowledge of the leagues rules and teach those rules to my players.
10. Remember that I am a youth coach and that the game and league is for the benefit of the children, not adults.

Player's Code *As a player, I will...*

1. Display sportsmanship and ethical conduct at all times.
2. Remember and value the commitment to my team.
3. Show courtesy and respect to teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials.
4. Give full effort and attention to my coaches in practices and games.
5. Have fun and enjoy the experience.

Parents Code *As a parent, I will...*

1. Not coach from the sidelines. Please leave this job to the assigned coach. Remember, comments such as "pass the ball" and "drop back" is coaching from the sidelines.
2. Applaud good deeds of all players and use positive encouragement.
3. Remember when transporting my child home, to be supportive and focus on the positive aspects of the game. Picking apart the negative aspects of the game or your child's performance is not productive.
4. Send my child ready to play. Children should be properly dressed and they should arrive on time for warm up.
5. Remind my child that playing fair, trying hard and doing one's best are more important than winning so that your child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game or from her individual performance.
6. Support the coaches and players efforts towards commitment to team, ethical conduct and sportsmanship.
7. Respect the decisions of the coaches and their efforts with the team. Concerns will be handled professionally and at the appropriate times.
8. Accept the decisions of game officials as being called to the best ability of said officials and refrain from negative or disparaging comments. Questions with calls by officials are to be handled by the coaches.
9. Remember these children are young and that some have only been playing basketball for a very short amount of time. They are here to learn a bit about basketball, get some exercise, and most importantly To Have Fun !!!

Consequences of Behavior

The Southport Recreation Association will not tolerate poor behavior. Any parent, coach, player, or spectator at a game or practice who attempts to intimidate, verbally abuse, is flagrantly rude, or physically touches without consent of another individual at the event will a) receive a verbal warning from an SRA Board Member (b) be asked to leave the park/gym and/or c) be subject to actions of the Chemung County Sherriff's Office. Similar offenses from the same individual on two or more occasions may result in a ban from Southport Recreation activities for the remainder of the season. More serious offenses, such as physical contact, may be dealt with in conjunction with the Sherriff's Office.