

The Starke County Youth Club, Inc.

Instructional Youth Basketball

PARENTS/GUARDIANS CODE OF ETHICS:

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parent's Code of Ethics:

Responsibilities to My Child:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
2. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
3. I will enter the building to pick up my child.
4. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child, including being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing team support.
5. I will help my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect and sportsmanship regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
6. I will help my child in his/her responsibilities to the coach, to the teammates, and to the team. This includes: attending practices and games; listening to the coaches; encouraging the team members; striving to improve; and respecting league officials and referees.

Responsibilities to My Team:

1. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
2. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
3. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
4. **I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.**

Responsibilities During Games and Practices:

1. I will make certain my child wears their game shirt on game night.
2. I will accept the decisions of the coaches, referees, and league officials without arguments or derogatory comments or intimidating tactics.
3. I will use only positive encouragement to either team from the sidelines.
4. I will avoid interference in the play of games by remaining behind the designated spectator lines.
5. I will conduct myself as a role model. I will refrain from verbal abuse, physical altercations, and bullying.
6. If I have a problem or grievance with a coach, player, parent, or official, I will follow the appropriate procedure for correcting that grievance. I will go "up the chain of responsibility:" Coach, SCYC League Coordinator, SCYC Director, SCYC Board of Directors. If problems with a referee, I will first approach the SCYC League Coordinator, then the SCYC Director, then the SCYC Board.

ANY WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THE CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM THE GYM.

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PLAYERS CODE OF ETHICS

Responsibilities to My Team:

1. I will attend every practice and game that I can and I will tell the coach if I cannot attend.
2. I will expect a fair amount of playing time during games, at least one-half of every game.
3. I will expect attention and instruction from my coach during practice.
4. I will listen to my coach and participate in practice, always trying to improve my own skills.
5. I will not be a distraction to other players during practice or games.
6. I will tell my coach when the basketball experience stops being fun.
7. I will encourage my family to be involved with my team because it is important to me.
8. I will do my very best in school, knowing that my schoolwork is my first priority.
9. I will work for the good of my team and I will honor my commitment to my team and to the league.
10. I will use positive language, treat others with kindness, and keep my hands to myself.

Responsibilities to the League:

1. I understand that my participation in this league is an opportunity to learn, to improve, to be part of a team, and to have fun.
2. I will obey both the letter and the spirit of the rules of the game and the league.

Responsibilities in Games and Practices:

1. I will be generous when my team wins and I will be gracious when my team loses.
2. I will treat all officials, players, coaches, referees, and other spectators with respect. I will accept the decisions of the coaches, referees, and league officials without arguments, insults, or bullying.
3. I will wear my game shirt on game night.

By signing below, I agree to follow the guidelines in this agreement, respecting myself, others, and The Starke County Youth Club. I also understand that negative choices can lead to negative consequences. These consequences are determined by the SCYC staff and can include the loss of my membership privilege. I agree to work hard and to try my best to help SCYC be a successful program.

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

As a parent/guardian, I understand that I must work together with the SCYC staff to help my child make positive choices. I agree that I have read / explained this agreement to my child. By signing below I agree to cooperatively work with my child and SCYC to follow this agreement and to help to create a successful program.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____