

Marion Youth Sports Association Coaches, Parents, & Patrons Code of Conduct

The Marion Youth Sports associated has implemented the following Code of Conduct for both coaches, parents, and patrons as a method of promoting the important message concerning the proper role of supporting our children in sports.

Coaches, parents, and patrons should read, understand, and agree to the content contains in this form prior to interacting with children, employees, or volunteers of any MYSA activity.

Preamble:

The essential elements of building character and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles.

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| - Trustworthiness | - Respect | -Caring |
| - Responsibility | - Fairness | - Good Citizenship |

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character:

I therefore Agree:

- I will not force a child to participate in sports
- I will remember that children participate in sports for fun, the game is for the youth, not adults
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of MYSA
- I (and my guest) will be a positive role model for my children/team and encourage sportsmanship.
- I will show respect and courtesy by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game or every practice.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with an official, umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profanity.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices what would impact the health or wellbeing of a child.
- I will teach my children/team to play by the rules and resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that all children treat other players, coaches, officials, and patrons with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability
- I will teach the children/team that doing one's best is more important that winning, so that a child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his or her performance.
- I will praise the children for competing fairly and trying hard, and make the children feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at any child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development/practices and how they benefit children over winning.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of my own desire to win
- I will respect the officials and their authority during a game. I will Never question the officials or coaches for calls made on the field of play.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child/team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless asked to help by the coaching staff.

Coach & Player Conduct

- **Basketball:** Any coach who verbally abuses a referee before, during or after a game shall be assessed a technical foul and may be suspended from coaching the next game. (Also, remember verbal or physical abuse is against the law in Arkansas and is a class A Misdemeanor.)
- **Basketball:** Any coach receiving 2 technical fouls during a game shall be ejected from the game and will be suspended for the following game. (in that league only) Any coach suspended from two games in a season will not be allowed to coach before meeting with the MYSA board.

All Sports:

- No player shall receive disciplinary action from a coach that affects playing time without prior approval of an MYSA board member.
- Any player ejected from a game for any reason shall be suspended for the following game.
- Any players suspended or expelled from school are ruled ineligible to play for the duration of the suspension or expulsion.

Rules regarding ejection from the game and/or gym.

- If a Coach is ejected from the field of play by a referee for a game infringement, the standard rule applies. (See MYSA game rules)
- If a Coach is ejected by an MYSA Board Member or representative that Coach will be suspended from coaching ANY AND ALL MYSA functions until the basketball committee meets and makes a permanent decision regarding his status as a coach in MYSA.
- In any MYSA game, the official score book is the official outcome regardless of what is displayed on the scoreboard.
- However, after the Head Referee leaves the playing area the game is over. There will be no changes made to the outcome of the game regardless of any discrepancies between the scoreboard and the score book.
- To reiterate rule #2: MYSA officials HAVE the authority and WILL do whatever it deems necessary to ensure it does what is in the best interest of the league and the children playing in the league. No MYSA board member or representative can be overruled except by a majority vote of the MYSA Board at its monthly meeting. A board member present at any function has final say in any situation at any function.