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Code of Conduct

SSFSBC Code of Conduct

*** Players ***

I will...

- Have fun!
- Make the commitment to attend (and be punctual to) all practices, games, and team events. If I will be late or absent, myself or my parent will notify the coach.
- Work hard, put my team before myself, and support my teammates in practice and competition.
- Be a role model for all players.
- Know that my actions are a reflection of myself, my family, my team, and SSFSBC, and that it is a privilege to play basketball.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, and the penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct is under the discretion of the officials. A player who breaks the rules and is ordered from the playing area must comply. SSFSBC may take further action.
- Treat all players, coaches, and fans, regardless of team, and officials, on and off the court, with respect.
- Wear only the approved Start Strong shooting shirt, jersey, and shorts for games.
- Not bully, take unfair advantage of, or disrespect another player or team.
- Not use any trash talk, profanity, or aggressive language or behavior.
- Not use alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
- Accept constructive criticism from coaches and not take it personally. I will address concerns to the coach or SSFSBC Board at the appropriate time.
- Play for my own enjoyment and work to improve my skills.

If I don't follow the rules, the procedure will be as follows:

1. My coach will talk to me and possibly have a meeting with my parent/guardian.
2. I may not be able to play in the next game or tournament.
3. I may not be able to play for the rest of the season.

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*** Parents/Guardians/Fans ***

I will...

- Encourage my child to have fun and will remind them that they are playing for their enjoyment and not mine.
- Ensure my child attends (and is punctual to) all practices, games, and team functions. I will communicate with the coach if my player will be late or absent.
- Ensure my player adheres to the Player Code of Conduct
- Support my child, win or lose. I will allow them to do their best, with positive reinforcement.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials.
- Treat all players, coaches, and fans, regardless of team, and officials, on and off the court, with respect.
- Make sure my player wears only the approved Start Strong shooting shirt, jersey, and shorts for games.
- Let the coaches coach, the officials officiate, and the players play. The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct is under the jurisdiction of the officials and the SSFSBC Board.
- Refrain from using any trash talk, profanity, aggressive language or behavior.
- Address any concerns I have directly with the coach, at the appropriate time, then with the SSFSBC Board, if necessary.
- Not undermine the coach's instruction or direction during games. I will not "sideline coach."

If there is an infraction of the above Code of Conduct, the procedure will be as follows:

1. The parent/guardian will be contacted by a SSFSBC board member to obtain information.
2. The SSFSBC Board will also contact the coach or tournament officials to obtain information.
3. The SSFSBC Board will evaluate and determine a course of action, which could include suspension or dismissal from the SSFSBC program.

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*** Coaches ***

I will...

- Conduct myself in a dignified, objective, impartial manner relating to emotions, language, attitude, and actions in all circumstances.
- Act at all times to protect the principles of fun, safety and development (leadership, initiative, good judgment) of all athletes.
- Respect the ability of opponents/opposing coaches, as well as the judgment of the officials.
- Be punctual to all team events.
- Display control and professionalism, including modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Treat all players, parents, other coaches, fans, regardless of team, and the officials, on and off the court, with respect.
- Make sure my team wears only the approved Start Strong shooting shirt, jersey, and shorts for games. I, as a coach, will also only wear Start Strong apparel to games.
- Report any incidents of known or suspected physical or sexual abuse of any athlete.
- Understand the role and influence I have as a coach as I impart knowledge of the sport of basketball.
- Be reasonable in my demands on athletes' time.
- Ensure all players play in both halves of all games.
- Not bully, take unfair advantage of, or disrespect another team.
- Keep the environment free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- Understand that my actions are a reflection of my team and SSFSBC.
- Be responsible for all equipment issued to me by SSFSBC and will ensure equipment and facilities used are kept in good condition. I will return all equipment, in good condition, at the end of the season.

If there is an infraction of the above Coach Code of Conduct, the procedure will be as follows:

1. The coach will be contacted by a member of the SSFSBC Board for further information.
2. The SSFSBC Board will also contact parents, players, or tournament officials for more information.
3. The SSFSBC Board will evaluate and determine a course of action, which may include suspension or expulsion from SSFSBC programs.