



SPOON'S SUMMER LEAGUE (SSL) COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT & PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

It is Spoon's Summer League's requirement and condition for all coaches to attend at least one workshop, clinic or other professional development experience each year (offered by the league) to enhance their knowledge of skills, strategies and/or teaching techniques relevant to the sport. Identify the coaching program[s] you attended in the past 12 months including title, place, date and facilitator:

MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the Mission of the Spoon's League Program to educate, empower, minister to the social, educational needs, confidence, commitment and integrity to the youth in this program. So they can live a productive, and successful tomorrow. Our goal is to teach young athletes respect for themselves, their peers, their parents and the community by establishing a code of ethics built on honesty, responsibility and teamwork.

Together, our players, volunteers, officials, families will work with unyielding spirit to cultivate a safe and disciplined environment so every child can reach their full potential, develop their talents and increase their skills in the game of basketball, and more important...Life

1 I agree to place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

Expectation:

- Using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.
- Treating all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Giving all players equal playing time and abiding by the spirit of the rules.

2 I agree to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

Expectation:

- Recognizing the differences of each child and treating each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.
- Encouraging all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team and to remain involved in sports.
- Recognizing that youth may vary greatly in physical, social and emotional maturation and considering these factors when setting up competitions and when interacting with them as a group.

3 I agree to provide a safe playing environment for my players.

Expectation:

- Maintaining a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions including but not limited to dangerous weather, inadequate field maintenance and faulty equipment.
- Seeing that all players are provided with adequate adult supervision while under the coaches' care.

4 I agree to schedule consistent practices and assure that they are fun and challenging for all players.

Expectation:

- Establish a formal practice plan that is interesting, varied, productive and aimed at improving all players' skill and individual abilities.
- Devoting appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.
- Conducting practices of reasonable length (set forth within the rules) and intensity appropriate for the age and conditioning of the players.

5 I will be fair, considerate and honest with all of my players.

6 I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players, parents, opposing teams and anyone associated with SSL.

Expectation:

- Adopting the position, teaching and demonstrating that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.
- Exhibiting gracious acceptance of defeat and victory.
- Abiding by and supporting the rules of the game and league.
- Using the influential position of youth coach as an opportunity to demonstrate, promote, teach and expect sportsmanship and fair play.
- Never incite un-sportsmanlike conduct that is not consistent with good sportsmanship and/or is considered unreasonable/inappropriate behavior unbecoming of a youth sports coach.
- SSL will not tolerate any form of unsportsmanlike conduct from any player, coach, official, referee, parent and/or fan. This conduct includes, but not limited to, negativity, disrespectful behavior, offensive and/or abusive language, spitting, throwing of objects, hitting, fighting and/or threats of violence toward any player, coach, official, referee, parent and/or fans.

7 I agree to provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

Expectation:

- Being alcohol and drug free at all team activities or in the presence of players.
- Refraining from the use of any type of tobacco products at all team activities or in the presence of players.

8 I agree to be knowledgeable of the game and league rules and I will teach these rules to my players.

Expectation:

- Becoming knowledgeable, understanding and supportive of all applicable game rules, league rules, regulations and policies.
- Teaching and requiring compliance of these rules among players.

9 I agree to not cheat and/or attempt to manipulate the rules set forth by SSL.

Expectation:

- SSL will not tolerate manipulation of the rules, playing guidelines, spotter sheets, attempting to gain an unfair advantage, etc.

- SSL recognizes and encourages competitiveness; however in keeping with the Mission Statement (to teach the basic concepts of the game), SSL expects coaches not to use legal, extraordinary and/or unreasonable methods/strategies to manipulate the rules and, instead, use methods that are within the spirit of youth sports and the SSL.

10 I agree to remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.

Expectation:

- Maintaining a positive, helpful and supportive attitude.
- Exercising your authority/influence as a coach to control the behavior of the fans and spectators.
- Accepting and adhering to all league rules and policies related to the participation of adults and youth.
- Placing the emphasis on fun and participation while encouraging children to do their best.

11 I agree to not grab or touch my players in an aggressive, physical and/or sexual manner (including, but not limited to grabbing a player by jersey, pushing a player, etc.).

Expectation:

- SSL will not tolerate any action that may be deemed aggressive, physical and/or sexual in nature. *These situations are taken very seriously by SSL and will lead to dismissal and prosecution if appropriate.

12 I agree to not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive and/or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game.

Expectations:

- SSL will not tolerate crude, foul or abusive language of any kind towards players, opposing coaches, opposing teams, opposing players, parents or fans.

13 I agree to treat all athletes, participants, coaches, officials and spectators with courtesy, dignity and respect.

I hereby agree to adhere to the SSL Coaches Code of Conduct and follow the rules outlined within the SSL rules & guidelines. I fully understand that if I do not uphold the rules & guidelines, I will be held accountable for my behavior. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that any violations could result in my immediate dismissal, of my ability to coach with in the SSL or prosecution (if appropriate). I further understand that, by signing this agreement, I fully accept and comply with any disciplinary action taken by SSL due to any actions not accordance with the agreement (and/or the SSL rules and guidelines).

Print Name (Coach)

Date

Coach Signature

Date

Print Name (SSL Representative)

SSL Representative Signature

Date