

Rules of Conduct for SRA Coaches
Summerfield Recreation Association, Inc.

1. I will not force an unwilling child to participate.
2. I will teach my players that honest effort is more important than victory.
3. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays by our team and by the opposing team and exhibit good overall sportsmanship at all times.
4. I will at all times abide by the rules and regulations of the SRA and guidelines governing the sport being played.
5. I will require my players to play by these rules as well.
6. I will never ridicule nor verbally attack a player for making a mistake or playing poorly during a game or practice.
7. I will at no time publicly question an official's honesty, argue excessively or publicly berate an official for any call made during the course of a game.
8. I will at all times refrain from verbal and physical abuse of all players, coaches, game officials, parents, spectators and league representatives at all SRA and other tournament events. In addition, I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports.
9. If a head coach asks for timeout to discuss a rule or call, both head coaches must be present for the discussion. No exceptions. Both coaches must meet the umpires on the field and do not engage the umpire until the opposing head coach is involved in the discussion.
10. I will at no time physically or verbally confront any player, coach, game official, parent spectator or league representative about any matter related to an SRA event or program.
11. I will bring any issues about the rules, officiating or opposing coaches to the attention of the League Director or VP of SRA.
12. I will recognize the value and importance of players' parents. If I am dissatisfied with a parent's behavior, I will talk to the individual parent privately.
13. I will help to promote a supportive environment by encouraging parents and fans to cheer for their players and to refrain from negative comments regarding umpires or members of the opposing team.
14. I will strive to support my players' involvement in sports and to maintain a realistic expectation about their environment and performance.
15. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children, NOT the adults.
16. If ejected from a game, I acknowledge that I will serve a one game suspension following that game.
17. If ejected from a second game, I acknowledge that I will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may not be allowed to coach as SRA team in the future.
18. I agree not to use Alcohol, Tobacco, Cigarettes or e-Cigs, Dip or any "tobacco" or perceived tobacco products at any SRA related event, on or near the fields or any facility that is tobacco free or alcohol free. This is a zero tolerance policy. Any occurrences at or during an SRA related event or facility will result in removal as a coach and any addition position held with the SRA including board member, commissioner, or assistant to anyone on the board.

Violation of the code can result in suspension depending on severity of circumstances and judgment of the SRA Board of Directors. Don't make your team suffer due to poor conduct on your part.

I have read and understand the above Rules of Conduct for SRA Coaches, and I agree to abide by each of these rules.

Coach Signature

Date

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure that all Assistant Coaches sign a Coach's Rules of Conduct form. All forms must be signed and returned to the appropriate sport director and ultimately to the SRA Board prior to coaching a practice or game.