

## **SIYAA Code of Conduct**

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. It is therefore **essential** for parents, coaches, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating **fairness, respect, and self control**.

**I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, and participating in an SIYAA youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant or official or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at SIYAA youth sporting events and will not attend, coach, officiate, or participate in SIYAA youth sports while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at an SIYAA youth sporting event and I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in an SIYAA youth sporting event while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat any coach, player, parent, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
15. I understand that I may not **for any reason** enter the field or court of play unless escorted by an SIYAA board member or official and only in the event that a child is injured or in need of medical attention. I am aware that this is an act that is punishable by law, and will be strictly enforced by the SIYAA, and is in accordance with the NCHSAA laws.
16. I will use the proper channels for submitting a complaint or discussing a concern. I am aware that in no way am I permitted to confront, harass or otherwise argue with any official at any SIYAA sporting event. This includes any type of physical confrontation including entering the field or court of play whether during or after a game, and also prohibits any parent, player, coach or any other attendee from confronting an official by following that official off the field of play into any other area on school grounds including the parking area. I am aware that this behavior is punishable by law and will be enforced to the fullest extent during all SIYAA youth sporting events.

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in an SIYAA youth sporting event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

1. Verbal warning issued by either the SIYAA or school official.
2. Written warning issued by either the SIYAA or school official.
3. Suspension and/or immediate ejection from an SIYAA sporting event issued by the SIYAA or any school official who is authorized to issue such a suspension or ejection.
4. Partial season, full season or multiple season suspension issued by the SIYAA or school official who is authorized to impose a suspension. This includes the SIYAA board, or any individual school board that participates in the SIYAA league.

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5. The SIYAA board will make every effort possible to uphold the decision of an individual school athletic board concerning disciplinary actions against a player, parent or any other attendee. The SIYAA reserves the right to impose additional disciplinary action against a player, parent, official or any other attendee in the event that action is required.

Please be aware that this code of conduct is to be read and signed by **every** parent/legal guardian of any player in the SIYAA as well as all coaches, officials, and each school athletic board member who participates in the SIYAA, including by each member of the SIYAA board.

**Please complete the appropriate areas below.**

**Player's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

**ISS/OSS DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Per Iredell Statesville Board of Education Policies, (Policy Code 4351) Short-Term Suspension:

“A short-term suspension is the disciplinary exclusion of a student from attending his or her assigned school for up to 10 school days. A short-term suspension does not include (1) the removal of a student from class by the classroom teacher, the principal or other authorized school personnel for the remainder of the subject period or for less than one-half of the school day or (2) the changing of a student’s location to another room or place on the school premises. **A student who is placed on a short-term suspension will not be permitted to be on school property or to take part in any school function during the period of suspension without prior approval from the principal.**”

Therefore it is understood that any student receiving OSS (Out of School Suspension) will not participate in, sit on sidelines/bench nor attend as a spectator, any SIYAA events during the time of their assigned suspension

**Parent/Guardian Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player & Parent/Guardian Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**Official's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sport:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**Board Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School & Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_