

Springville Youth Inc. Zero Tolerance Sportsmanship / Personal Conduct Policy

It is the policy of the Springville Youth, Inc. Board of Directors to provide SAFE and ENJOYABLE recreational activities for the Youth, Families, and Community of the Greater Springville, NY area.

Specifically:

- All programs shall promote good sportsmanship in an environment free of hostility, harassment, and violence for all participants, players, umpires, referees, coaches, instructors, and/or spectators. Sportsmanship is a key component of the learning experience and should be taught by directors, coaches, umpires, referees, instructors, and spectators through example as well as discussion.
- Abusive, offensive, or rude behavior **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** from any participants, players, coaches, referees, instructors, umpires, and/or spectators.
- Individuals or groups exhibiting undesirable behavior at SYI functions will be asked to leave the area by an umpire, referee, instructor, coach or director. If this request is not honored, the function in progress will be suspended until the offending parties leave. If after 10 minutes the offending parties have not left the area, the function will be called off and the SYI Board of Directors will take any appropriate action deemed necessary. The ruling of the SYI Board of Directors will be final.
- Head Coaches and instructors are responsible for the training and exposure of sportsmanship to their individual team players, coaches, volunteers and /or groups. Head coaches and instructors are also responsible for the behavior of any spectators or parental participants supporting their team or function.

Directors, coaches, referees, instructors, and umpires will be trained to the expectations of the SYI Board of Directors and to their responsibilities in regard to the SYI Zero Tolerance Sportsmanship/ Personal Conduct Policy prior to the start of each individual season or session.

In closing and to reiterate, the goal of Springville Youth, Inc. is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment, free from hostility, for the youth and the community.

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