

SHARON RECREATION AND YOUTH

COACHES, PARENTS AND CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

COACHES

The viability and success of the individual programs is dependent on the willingness of parent volunteers who coach the various sports. We have established some basic guidelines for our volunteer coaches which we hope will promote consistency in our youth athletic programs.

The SBRY is grateful to all persons who have selflessly given their time in trying to provide a positive athletic experience for all of our young athletes. In an attempt to continue in this fine tradition, the coaches and assistants are asked to observe the following basic guidelines while working with our youth:

- "Safety First" is the primary consideration. A coach or assistant needs to insure that all children are behaving in a safe manner. Coaches will have first aid equipment available, and should have some basic knowledge of rudimentary first aid. If you are interested in volunteering and would like first aid instruction, please ask the Director to put you in touch with persons or programs who can provide the proper instruction.
- Children may NEVER be left unattended. The coach needs to stay until the last child is picked up.
- Sportsmanship is essential. Coaches and helpers should stress teamwork, positive attitudes and respect for all other players, both on your team and competing teams.
- Skill enhancement should be the foundation of what is taught. Consistency in approach to skills training among volunteers in a particular program is important to insure successful progress of young athletes.
- Discipline, if required, should be age appropriate and always directed towards the act, not the individual. Disruptive behavior on an on-going basis should be brought to the attention of the parent or guardian.
- Coaches will work with the Director to obtain a game or meet schedule and that schedule must be distributed to the players and parents.
- Equipment should be returned to its appropriate storage place at the end of any practice or game. The coach must insure that the storage facility is secured. Locker rooms and/or public restrooms opened during practice or games must be checked and/or locked as required prior to leaving gym or field.
- If for whatever reason a coach cannot attend a practice or game is the coaches responsibility to arrange for a stand-in or cancel the activity by contacting participants.
- Lastly, coaches and volunteers are asked to **EXEMPLIFY PERSONAL BEHAVIORS** which will insure the safety, emotional well-being and personal growth of the children under their care. Children will reflect the attitudes and styles of their coaches and we strive to present the best possible role models for their benefit.

PARENTS

- We ask that parents do not use our programs as a baby-sitting service. With participation in any program comes with it responsibilities: attendance, promptness and commitment. Please be mindful of these responsibilities.
- Parents are encouraged to promote the values that the SBRY aspires to – good sportsmanship and a sense of fair play.
- Parents are encouraged to offer help, especially at the younger levels. Even if you are not an expert in the sport there are many ways to be involved at the practices, games and meets.
- We ask that you monitor siblings who come to watch practices and/or games.
- Please arrange transportation for your child to and from away games as well as practice sessions. Coaches are not responsible for transporting players.
- If a parent has a complaint concerning how a child is being dealt with in a recreation program the procedure is as follows: a) address matter with the coach, b) if you feel as though the problem has not been resolved discuss matter with the Director and Coach, c) if the matter is still not resolved satisfactorily ask to discuss the matter at a SBRY board meeting by contacting the chairperson prior to the monthly meeting.
- Parents must properly register all participants **prior** to attending any practices or games. A completed and signed registration form and payment of fee is required. Children must be provided with equipment when necessary, such as baseball gloves, shin guards, cleats, mouth guards and swim suits.
- Parents must inform the Director when a change occurs in any personal information regarding a participant.
- Do not send any Rec/Youth forms or fees to Sharon Center School. Also, do not call the school for information regarding recreational programs.
- We encourage parents and guardians to support and encourage their children's efforts by attending their games, matches and events. We urge parents to refrain from expressing negative comments about volunteer coaches and/or recreation programs. Please keep in mind that adult attitudes affect children. SBRY will openly and swiftly deal with any inappropriate behavior that may arise.

CHILDREN

- Participation in any organized activity requires a commitment from the child to attend practices and games. We ask that the children who register for a SBRY sponsored program make the decision to do so primarily on their own.
- Participants should not over extend themselves by taking on too many activities. This is particularly true during the school year.
- We ask that all participants do their personal best and they should not be concerned with what others may or may not be able to do. We ask that all children display good sportsmanship at all times both on and off the field of play.