**ISYAA Coach's Code of Conduct**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this code is to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of basketball within ISYAA. ISYAA has adopted this code to apply to all the coaches involved in ISYAA.

**Policy**

**Coaching is a privilege**. It carries with it an obligation for each individual coach to uphold and promote the stated goals and objectives. Any conduct considered unethical or a conflict of interest shall be subject to discipline by ISYAA.

**Article I – Responsibilities to Players**

1. The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
4. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
5. Demands placed on players’ time shall never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
6. Coaches are responsible for their players’ actions on the court and must not permit them to perform with intent of causing injury to opposing players.
7. Coaches shall direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician’s instructions regarding treatment and recovery.
8. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.

**Article II – Responsibility to Little Big 10**

1. Adherence to Little Big 10 rules and policies is mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.

**Article III – Responsibility to Officials**

1. Coaches, players and spectators must treat officials with respect.
2. Professional respect, before, during and after the game must be mutual. There must be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
3. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the ISYAA board and will be presented to the Little Big 10 board.

**Article VI – Responsibility of Public Relations**

1 Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players and families in conducting themselves properly when in public, when representing ISYAA.

**Article VII – Other Responsibilities**

1. The behavior of coaches must be such as to bring credit to themselves, ISYAA and the sport of basketball.
2. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
3. The attitude and conduct of the coach towards officials, players, spectators and coaches must be controlled and undemonstrative.
4. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an official, opposing coach or bench before, during or after the game.
5. Coaches must use their influence on spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s) and opposing team members.

I certify that I understand that should I breach this code of ethics I could be dismissed from ISYAA.