

IAS Code of Conduct

The purpose and intent of the Indoor Action Sports (IAS) philosophy is to promote the advancement of youth sports in the tri-state area, to encourage the development of player skills and abilities, promote programs that teach individual and team skills, and support the growth of trained coaches and referees. The goal and value of player participation is to have fun while playing sports, to develop self-esteem and confidence through skill development while promoting a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship.

The key elements of the IAS experience is developing individual and team skills in all players in a fun, safe, and family environment that builds character, competence and confidence.

In order to uphold the IAS Code of Conduct for all players, parents/guardians/spectators and coaches they must abide by the following:

ALL Players participating at IAS shall...

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by example and encourage it from fellow players
- Play by the rules of the game.
- View playing sport as an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- Remain respectful toward other players, coaches, referees and spectators.
- Never argue or complain about referees' calls or decisions.
- Maintain an even temperament and resist retaliation.

ALL Parents/Guardians/Spectators shall...

- Encourage good sportsmanship and self-discipline in their children and their teammates through example.
- Make athletic participation for their child and others a positive, fun experience.
- Give encouragement and show interest in their child's teams.
- Encourage their child to show good sportsmanship in every game.
- Attempt to minimize the pressure of competition and place the emotional and physical well being of players ahead of a desire to win.
- Be respectful toward coaches, referees, your child, other parents and their children.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.
- Refrain from coaching and refereeing "from the sidelines".

ALL Coaches shall...

- Provide a positive role model for their players and parents, by consistently acting in a positive, controlled and mature manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and maintain a proper perspective on the purpose of IAS, namely, participation is for the enjoyment and benefit of the players (not the adults).
- Learn the rules and earn at least a basic certification.
- Above all else, maintain the safety and well being of their players.
- Explain to (and remind) parents what is expected of them and their children.
- Provide a positive, enjoyable atmosphere for the players and parents.
- Refrain from open arguments with referees and other coaches.
- Encourage parents to support the team with their presence as much as possible.
- Ensure equitable playing time
Provide necessary guidance and equipment at games and practices.
- Discipline players in a FAIR and CONSISTENT manner.
- Refrain from making negative comments about other coaches, players, parents and referees.
- Be prepared to deal with injuries in a timely manner by reviewing first aid principles.

All participants of IAS shall abide by the Code of Conduct at all times. Inappropriate behavior that is determined to violate this Code of Conduct shall result in Disciplinary Action by IAS, up to and including, without limitation, expulsion from the game/field, and expulsion from IAS.