



VISTA TALONS AAU BOYS' BASKETBALL



Basketball Coach Application 2024 Spring Season

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address, City: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Coaching Interest:

_____ Head Coach _____ Assistant Coach

Please indicate your preferred age group:

_____ 3rd grade and under _____ 4th grade

_____ 5th grade _____ 6th grade

_____ 7th grade _____ 8th grade

In the event you are not selected for your preferred age group, would you be willing to consider other coaching positions? Y or N _____

Please provide background on your basketball and coaching related experience:

Please explain your approach to coaching and developing young athletes:



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Please indicate additional skills or attributes that make you uniquely qualified for a VISTA TALONS coaching position:

Have you ever had a disciplinary action taken against you as a Coach? Y or N _____

If so, please explain:

Please provide contact information for three references:

In signing this form, I agree that if selected as a Talons' coach, I will abide by the Vista Talons Boys' Basketball bylaws, the Talons' Coach Code of Conduct, League Rules and Code of Conduct, and any decisions passed by the Talons' Board of Directors.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Coach Code of Conduct

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Coaches are on a volunteer position and are not compensated. Coaches are required to read and sign the Vista Talons Coach Code of Conduct (Coach Code) document in order to coach in the Vista Talons organization. This Vista Talons Coach Code is proudly derived from the "Coaches' Code of Ethics" of The National Alliance for Youth Sports.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for any child under my care participating in youth sports, by following this Coaches' Code of Conduct:

- I will agree to a DOJ background screening of my application, in accordance with policy set by the Vista Talons Board of Directors (Board), with regards to my suitability to work with children. I will also complete all coaching certification, training, and instructional requirements, as set forth by the VISTA TALONS Board, to establish my eligibility as a VISTA TALONS coach.
- I will read the VISTA TALONS Member Handbook, VISTA TALONS Parent Code of Conduct, and the VISTA TALONS Player Code of Conduct to understand what is being asked of all VISTA TALONS members and will actively promote and enforce the policies, rules and codes contained therein.
- I will accept that I (through my actions and words) am required to set a good example for my athletes, parents, and spectators; I must set the tone and lead by example. I will demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. I will not cheat or engage in any form of unethical behavior that violates affiliate league rules. I will stress teamwork and respect with each and every athlete. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game or practice. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures. I will not engage in violent conduct or verbal abuse towards any player, parent, spectator, coach, or official at any time.
- I will reinforce the importance of school by requiring all athletes to meet the academic requirements set forth in the VISTA TALONS Member Handbook and will restrict game and/or practice playing time accordingly on those athletes not in compliance – even if overall team competitiveness is compromised.
- I will refrain from making negative comments about coaches, Board members, instructors and/or the VISTA TALONS organization in a public manner.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win and will ensure that the health, character, and development of my players is of paramount importance.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering that there may be a large range of emotional and physical development within any given age group. I will never either physically or mentally push players beyond their abilities. I will use coaching techniques appropriate for the skills that I teach and the level of the players. I will place the well-being and safety of each athlete above all other considerations, including the development of performance.



- I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my players, including ensuring that each athlete is correctly dressed and has the necessary, properly-fitting safety equipment before being allowed to play. I will review, know, and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players and I will cooperate fully with medical personnel, when present.
- I will be fully prepared for every practice and game. I will develop a plan and schedule for each practice and will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will ensure an environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all VISTA TALONS practices, games, and events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport and the rules of the affiliate league, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children, not adults.
- I will always be prompt, courteous, and direct when dealing with affiliate league officials, opposition coaches and referees. I will accept the decisions of the game and competition officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability. I acknowledge that the game officials are in charge of all games and that their decisions are final. I will teach my players to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
- I will require any player under my care to treat other players, coaches, fans, and game officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will teach any player under my care to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts through respectful discussion, without resorting to hostility, violence, or verbal abuse.
- I will encourage and guide athletes to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance and will never condone unacceptable behavior.
- I will provide each athlete with the opportunity to compete and excel. I will strive to develop all players on my team to their potential and refrain from applying a disproportionate amount of attention to just my top performers. I will refrain from favoritism in all forms and will be as fair as possible in assigning positions and playing time.
- I will remember that:
 - I am teaching young children to succeed in more than just a sport;
 - Children have more need for example than criticism;
 - A child is easily affected by outside influences, and I will attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it.

By signing my name below, I confirm I have been provided the above VISTA TALONS Coach Code in its entirety, have read it, understand it, agree to it, and commit to fulfilling it. I further understand any failure on my behalf to abide by any part or all of the VISTA TALONS Coach Code may, at the discretion of the VISTA TALONS Board, result in my suspension, termination, or permanent dismissal from the VISTA TALONS organization.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____



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