

VOORHEES Basketball Association (VBA) Code of Conduct

At VBA, our mission is to inspire and empower our youth through the game of basketball by fostering a fun, inclusive, and supportive environment where every child can develop their athletic skills, build confidence, and cultivate lifelong values of teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship. We are dedicated to promoting physical fitness, healthy lifestyles, and personal growth, ensuring that all participants have the opportunity to reach their full potential both on and off the court.

Code of Conduct for Parents

1. Supportive Behavior:

- Encourage your child and all participants.
- Praise effort and improvement, not just results.
- Do not coach from the sidelines.

2. Respect:

- Show respect to all players, coaches, officials, and other parents.
- Ensure your child is punctual for practices and games for arrival and pickup.
- Accept officials' decisions without argument. Do not approach any official, before, during or after any games.
- Refrain from using abusive or inappropriate language.
- Ensure timely payment of all fees (please communicate with us for any hardships)

3. Sportsmanship:

- Model good sportsmanship by treating all participants fairly.
- Emphasize fun, skill development, and teamwork.
- Help your child to learn and respect the rules of the game.

4. Communication:

- Communicate openly and respectfully with coaches and officials.
- Address any concerns privately and constructively.
- Please do not approach any referee or coach during or immediately after the game, we ask that you allow 24 hours prior to making contact

5. Safety:

- Ensure your child is equipped with the appropriate gear.
- Prioritize your child's health and well-being over performance.
- Refrain from any use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use at all VBA team activities

Code of Conduct for Players

1. Respect:

- Show respect to teammates, coaches, opponents, officials and yourself..
- Accept decisions by coaches and officials gracefully.

2. Effort and Attitude:

- Always give your best effort during practices and games.
- Seek to improve
- Maintain a positive attitude, win or lose.

3. Teamwork:

- Support and encourage ALL of your teammates.
- Understand that every player has a role and value on the team.

4. Sportsmanship:

- Play fair and follow the rules of the game.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship, regardless of the outcome.

5. Responsibility:

- Be committed to your team. Show up ready to play!
- Take care of your equipment and uniform.
- Listen to and follow instructions from coaches

Code of Conduct for Coaches

1. Role Model:

- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play, respect, and positive attitude.
- Encourage all players, focusing on skill development and effort.

2. Equity and Inclusion:.

- Promote an environment where every player has an equal opportunity to improve their skills.
- Promote an inclusive environment regardless of ability, race, or background

3. Positive Reinforcement:

- Provide constructive feedback and praise effort.
- Avoid ALL negative or derogatory comments.

4. Safety and Well-being:

- Prioritize the physical and emotional safety of players.
- Ensure proper training, hydration, and rest for all players.
- Be aware of and follow emergency protocols.
- Comply with completion of a background check upon selection as a coach
- Refrain from any use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use at all VBA team activities

5. Respect for Officials and Opponents:

- Treat officials and opposing teams with respect.
- Accept decisions made by officials without protest.

By enrolling your child to any program with the organization, we presume and expect that you are in support of the VBA mission and therefore agree to adhere to the VBA Code of Conduct. It is expected that parents, players and coaches of the VBA shall conduct themselves in a manner that is of the highest standards while at training, practice sessions, games, tournaments, or any other function or event or tournaments. Compliance is also expected with the most recently published VBA Rules & Regulations available under *Resources* at www.voorheesbasketball.com.

I understand that violations of the Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. I have received and read the above Code of Conduct and understand that failure to uphold any of these statements may result in disciplinary action by the VBA, which may include, but is not limited to, forfeiture of the right to attend any training, practice session, game, tournament or any other team function or event including the potential for expulsion from the VBA.

By adhering to this code of conduct, everyone involved in VBA can contribute to a positive, enjoyable, and enriching experience for all.