



Victoria & District Amateur Basketball Association

CODE OF CONDUCT

The V.&D.A.B.A. strongly believes in creating a safe and respectful environment for all our players, officials, coaches, parents, and spectators.

Please read **BOTH** pages of this "Code of Conduct".

FOR PARENTS:

- I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good player's performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.

FOR PLAYERS

- I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper - fighting and "mouthing off" can spoil the activity for everybody.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are as important.
- I will acknowledge all good plays/performance - those of my team and of my opponents.
- I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

Anyone wishing to inform the executive of a contract infraction must do so in writing. Please address the letter to the V.&D.A.B.A. Disciplinary Committee (leave letter with the gym supervisor). Please keep a copy of this document for your records.

The Coaching Code of Ethics

Integrity

The coach must act with integrity in performing all duties owed to athletes, the sport, other members of the coaching profession, and the public.

Competence

The Coach must strive to be well prepared and current in order that all duties in the respective discipline are fulfilled with competence.

Athlete's Interest

The Coach must act in the best interest of the athlete's development as a whole person.

Respect for the Rules

The coach must accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules defined by the V.&D.A.B.A.

Respect for Officials

The coach must accept the role of officials in providing judgment to ensure that the competitions are conducted fairly and according to the established rules.

Responsibility to Other Coaches

The coach's conduct towards other coaches must be characterized by courtesy, good faith and respect

Personal Conduct

The coach must maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and support the principles of fair play.