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CITY OF VISTA
RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT
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I, _____, hereby pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a volunteer coach while actively participating in the Vista Recreation & Community Services Department's youth basketball program for the year 2011/2012. In addition, this pledge also certifies that I fully understand these responsibilities as they are outlined below, and the consequences for not following them.

I. As coach, I understand that each and every one of my players has the right to participate in this program, and as such, shall be given an equal opportunity to strive for success.

A. Boys & Girls Divisions A, B, C:

- All players are required to start either the 1st or 2nd half of the game and play five (5)
- Each player must play five (5) consecutive minutes in the half in which the player is not a starter.
- Each player must sit out five (5) consecutive minutes at any point in the game.

B. Division AA:

- All players are required to start either the 1st or 2nd half of the game and play four (4)
- Each player must play four (4) consecutive minutes in the half in which the player is not a starter.
- Each player must sit out four (4) consecutive minutes at any point in the game.

C. The program strictly adheres to the player participation rule. The only way the rule will be amended is if a coach notifies the league director at least 24 hours prior to the game that they wish to discipline a player. Based on the department decision, **the department will notify parents, player and coach of this decision.** If the coach requesting the discipline of the player has yet to hear back from the league director then the player in question must fulfill the "player participation rule". The following will be considered in taking disciplinary action:

- A player has not reported for practices and has not notified the coach in advance.
- The player is being disciplined for behavioral reasons.
- A player reports late for a game.

NOTE: The Department will notify parents of coaches' action, but will not be responsible for settling matters over difference of opinion.

- II. As coach, I understand that each and every one of my players has the right to have qualified adult leadership, and thus, I will do my best to:
- A. Provide a safe "play" situation.
 - B. Review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries
 - C. Insure that I am knowledgeable of the rules and that I will teach these rules to my players.
 - D. Most importantly, I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players above any personal desire to win.
- III. As a coach, I must always remember that I am a youth coach, and thus, will attempt to lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. Also, knowing that, as a coach, I am a positive role model and must follow the good sportsmanship rules and guidelines while attending any City of Vista youth sports program as a coach, participant, parent and/or observer. And I will encourage others to do the same.
- A. Good sportsmanship will be demanded at all times and under all circumstances from all coaches, parents, and players.
 - 1. A coach who receives "O" sportsmanship score will be suspended for one game.
 - 2. A coach must achieve and maintain an average sportsmanship score of 2.5 to be considered for the sportsmanship award.
 - B. Abusive language and insulting remarks that are directed toward anyone involved with the program (i.e. officials, scorekeepers, office staff, etc.) will not be allowed. It will be the responsibility of the coach to control "his/her" actions, as well as the actions of their assistants, players and fans during the course of a game.
 - 1. A verbal warning, accompanied by a technical foul, will be the result of any abusive language or action (i.e., language or action that goes beyond the scope of the game or common courtesy and becomes personal in nature).
 - 2. An additional technical foul, removal from the gymnasium, and a possible suspension (upon review) may be the result of continued abusive language or action.
 - 3. At the discretion of the referee, continued abusive language or action may result in the forfeiture of the game.
 - C. In the event that one team is able to establish a 20-point lead, they will not be permitted to press or fast break, and the clock will not stop during the final (2) minutes of play. Failure by the coach to do so will bring upon him or herself the following penalties:
 - 1. A verbal warning.
 - 2. A verbal warning, accompanied by a technical foul.
 - 3. An additional technical foul, removal from the gymnasium, and a possible suspension (upon review) may be the result of further

unsportsmanlike conduct.

- IV. As a coach I understand that each of my players is entitled to "qualified adult leadership." I also understand that, as an official representative of the department, I also have certain legal and safety responsibilities, and thus, must adhere to the following prescribed guidelines:
- A. Establish procedures for accidents and emergencies, including the gathering of pertinent emergency information (i.e., telephone numbers, special illnesses and/or special medications and treatments).
 - B. Establish and maintain an adequate "plan" of supervision, and make certain that those who assist me are competent to do so. Always recruit the assistance of parent (or other responsible adult) to assist in supervising players and to assure that anytime youth are present, two adults are accompanying them.
 - C. Failure to appear at a scheduled practice or game (accompanied by a failure to either notify parents/players of cancellation or to arrange for a replacement) will result in a verbal warning. By failing to appear at a scheduled practice or game for a second time (accompanied by a failure to arrange for a replacement or to notify department staff prior to the start of the game) will result in an automatic two-game suspension. A third violation will result in expulsion from the league.
 - D. Plan instruction and competition by taking into account individual differences in skill and experience.
 - E. In case of injury, do not force first aid upon a player if they resist. Render only emergency first aid treatment, then notify department and emergency personnel and the player's parents immediately. Complete an injury report as soon as possible. (Reports may be found at scorekeepers table or the Brengle Terrace Office.)
 - F. Within reason, insure that players are safely transported to and from games and practices. Remain on site until all players have secured safe rides and/or are in the company of their parents or guardian.
- V. As a coach, I understand that each and every one of my players has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- VI. As a coach, I understand that each and every one of my players has the right to have fun.
- VII. As a coach, my primary concern is the welfare of my players. I will be moderate or abstinent in my use of alcohol and will not engage in the use of illegal drugs or misuse of any prescription or legal drug. I will not consume alcohol and will refrain from the use of tobacco prior to or during any Youth Basketball Association game, practice and/or gathering (i.e. pizza party, special event, all-star

tournament) and, as such, will send a message for my players as a role model."

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