



Coaches Code of Ethics

The function of our coaches is to direct and educate their athletes through their participation in the game of basketball. The coach shall strive to achieve team success without sacrificing the individual need for participation and contribution to the overall accomplishments of the team. Each athlete should be treated as though he or she was the coaches' own, and his or her welfare should be a highest priority at all times.

Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the VBC Board of Directors:

The Coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, be it good or otherwise, on the development of their young athletes and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The Coach shall never interfere with their athletes' opportunity of academic achievement or success by demanding their attendance at a practice or game that conflicts directly with a school or academic endeavor.

The Coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the coaching position in all personal contact with their athletes, parents, officials, administrators, the media, fans, and the public and shall strive to set the highest example of ethical and moral conduct.

The Coach shall take an active role in discouraging and preventing the use and glorification of illegal drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

The Coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players and while serving in his or her capacity as coach. In addition, the coach shall not display any signs of alcohol or tobacco use prior to the day's competition.

The Coach shall become familiar with the rules of basketball and shall teach them to his or her team members.

The Coach shall become familiar with the concepts and fundamentals of the game of basketball and shall teach them to his or her team members.

The Coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes, parents and spectators.

The Coach shall respect and support contest officials and shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players, parents or fans against the officials.

The Coach, before and after contests, should meet and exchange a cordial greeting with the coach(es) for the opposing team to set the correct tone for the event.

The Coach shall keep the VBC informed if they have become involved in a legal situation which may compromise the integrity of their position as a representative of the VBC.

Coaches Code of Ethics & Information Sheet

Team Name: _____ Boys/Girls: _____ Grade: _____

Coach's First Name: _____ Coach's Last Name: _____

Coach's Email address _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

H)Phone: _____ W)Phone: _____ Cell: _____

I am a (circle one): Head coach Assistant Coach If Assistant, Head Coach's Last Name: _____

***Both sides of this sheet must be read and initialed/signed by all coaches (head and assistants) for any coach to be eligible for the 2009 season!**

Coaching student-athletes in the Valders Basketball Program is a privilege. As a volunteer coach in the Valders Basketball Program, I, the undersigned, understand that it is my duty to adhere to the following Code of Ethics which will help me foster the development and well-being of the student-athletes that I have been entrusted to coach. As a coach, I hereby agree to (initial in the space provided next to each point):

___ Remember that the game is for children and not adults.

___ Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of the participants.

___ Refuse to disparage an opponent, an official, a scorekeeper, and administrator or spectator in any aspect of the activity.

___ Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.

___ Cultivate awareness that participation in athletics is part of the total education process. Coaches are encouraged to stress balance between athletics and academics and the important of being a "student-athlete."

___ Develop a working awareness and understanding of all rules and guidelines governing competition, both in letter and intent.

___ Avoid any practice or technique that would endanger the present or future welfare or safety of any participant.

___ Adhere to policies that do not force or encourage students to specialize or restrict them from participation on other teams or a variety of activities.

___ Strongly encourage the development of proper health habits, including the non-use of chemicals, alcohol, steroids, tobacco and other mood-altering substances.

___ Exemplify proper self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions without public display of emotion or dissatisfaction with game officials.

___ Organize practices that emphasize fun, sportsmanship, fundamentals of the game and that are challenging for the players.

___ Abide by any disciplinary action that VBC imposes on me, due to not complying with these rules.

Coaches who persist in violation this Code of Ethics will jeopardize their standing within the Valders Basketball Program. Valders Basketball Club reserves the right to suspend or expel coaches due to flagrant disregard for rules of play and standards of conduct. These actions will result in stringent disciplinary action that could including suspension and/or expulsion from coaching in the program.

****Coaches must sign the reverse side of this sheet for the Valders Basketball Club to accept it****

Volunteer Coaching Disclosure Statement

Legal Name (Please print First, M.I., Last):

Circle appropriate answer. Please explain any "Yes" responses

1. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?
Yes or **No** If yes, please explain:

2. Have you ever been convicted for possession and/or sale of an illegal substance or do you use any illegal substances? **Yes** or **No** If yes, please explain:

3. Have you ever been convicted of child abuse or a felony or misdemeanor crime that endangered the welfare of a minor? **Yes** or **No** If yes, please explain:

By signing below, I certify that:

- I understand it is the intent of the Valders Basketball Club to screen coaches with the utmost care in order to provide the safest and most secure environment possible for our program participants.
- I understand that by submitting the information above, this information is subject to verification and that there may be a background check for criminal history as well as a check with appropriate government agencies.
- I understand that if the information I provide is either false or incomplete, my coaching privileges with the Valders Basketball Club subject to immediate suspension and the appropriate authorities may be notified.
- I hereby authorize any law enforcement agency, state agency, federal agency or private information bureau or repository that has knowledge of my criminal or motor vehicle operation history to provide the Valders Basketball Club any such history. I waive any provision impeding the release of this information. This release shall be valid for one year.
- In consideration of the Valders Basketball Club, I hereby save and hold harmless from any liability the Valders Basketball Club or its affiliated members, agents or sponsors, from any action or proceeding against it by me based on rejection or removal from any basketball coaching position after my submitting this form.
- This disclosure statement must be updated every year.
- I will update the board with any further changes.

Signature:

Date:

The Valders Basketball Club reserves the right to ask for character references.