



VISION BASKETBALL ACADEMY PARENT HANDBOOK

Purpose: The purpose of the Vision Basketball Parent Handbook is to share important beliefs, expectations, and details about the Vision Basketball program. We hope you take time to read through this handbook so you will better understand our philosophies and expectations of your son while he is a member of the Vision Basketball Academy. If you cannot find what you are looking for, or if you need further clarification on something, please contact Coach Jonathan Robles. We try to constantly create a “family atmosphere” within our program. We hope that you as parents always feel a part of the “Vision Basketball Family” for years to come, even after your son(s) has moved on from Vision. We urge you to come to games to cheer on the boys, volunteer to help with team activities, and to stay active within our program. You will continue to be a vital part of the success of the program, and you will help offer many future Vision players an opportunity to be a part of this special experience.

Thank You: First and foremost, you as parents deserve a huge “thank you” for all that you do. Parents are an integral part of any program, and we want to make sure we express our gratitude to you for everything you do for your son, and our program.

Parents’ Roles: Roles are important on any team. Parents have a very important role in the program. We feel that the following roles are very important for parents to follow:

1. Support/encourage your son and the program. You might not always agree with every decision made by a member of the coaching staff, and you might not always agree with decisions made by players, but please be there to support your son and the program in a positive manner. We as coaches try to make decisions in the best interest of the program and the kids involved in our program, so please be supportive of your son and our basketball program.

2. Be a “Vision fan.” Sometimes as parents we focus in too narrowly on our children and we become more concerned with the success of our own child, rather than the success of the team. Please remember to cheer for Vision and to be a fan of all members of the team when they are playing.

3. Display good sportsmanship. Please represent Vision Academy at each game by showing good sportsmanship towards referees, coaches, players and fans.

4. Participate. Please represent Vision Academy at fundraising events and opportunities. Our organization takes pride in keeping costs low is by raising funds throughout the year. Participation is required from all Vision parents.



Goals: Our program has three main goals for our players:

1. Have fun Sports should be memorable experiences that foster life-long relationships and memories. We want to create an environment in which your child will have a positive experience that will be enjoyable for him/her.

2. Work hard/play hard. The value of hard work can never be underestimated. We hope that the lessons of hard work that your son/daughter gains from basketball will help in any area of his/her life, both in the present and in the future.

3. Play together. Teamwork and togetherness is extremely important in our program. These are life-long lessons that we hope to teach your son/daughter. Also, we try to create a “family atmosphere,” where your son/daughter can feel like he/she belongs with a special group of people that care about him/her as a person. This family atmosphere will remain for him/her, even after he/she has moved on, because he/she will always be a part of our program.

Playing Time: One of the hardest jobs of a coach, is determining playing time. All of our players work hard at improving their skills, trying to earn playing time to help the team win. Unfortunately, not every player has been blessed with the same skill/ability level. As players progress through each level, the competition improves, and some players find it hard to keep up. We do not promise playing time, but rather we believe that playing time should be earned through hard work and consistent effort. Even though we do not promise playing time, here are three promises that we will make concerning players:

1. ***We will not quit on any player.*** It does not matter if a player plays every minute of the game, or no minutes in a game, we will not quit working to help that player improve.

2. ***We will be honest with each player in our assessments of their skills.*** The coaches will determine strengths and weaknesses of each player, and we will attempt to help the player improve weaknesses, while helping strengths to flourish.

3. ***We will communicate as clearly as we can.*** It is our job to communicate roles and information to each player, and we will give our best effort to communicate to each player.

Communication: We will do our best as coaches to communicate information to players and parents as soon as possible.

Academics: Academics are priority #1. It is important that Vision Basketball players take pride in academic work in the classroom. Your education will carry you farther than basketball, so academics need to be taken seriously.