

# VYBA

Ventura Youth Basketball Association

# Parent/Player Handbook

2016/17

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PARENTS  
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COACHES  
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The City of Ventura PR&CP Department and the VYBA Board of Directors would like to welcome you to VYBA. The Ventura Youth Basketball Association's philosophy is to offer the community an affordable, **RECREATIONAL** basketball program, for youth in grades 2 through 12, that emphasizes skill development, **FUN** and **SPORTSMANSHIP**.

## The program's purpose is . . .

- To give each child the opportunity to learn the importance of good sportsmanship and fair play in competition.
- To teach the basic rules, skills, and techniques involved in basketball so that each child may play and enjoy the game.
- To give boys and girls the opportunity to meet in friendly competition with other children of the same grade level.

## Registration information . . .

- **Refund Policy:** There will be a \$10 service charge for all refunds. No refunds will be granted after players have been assigned to teams. The tentative date for team formation is October 19, 2016. No refunds will be allowed after October 19. **Coaches cannot request a refund for participants on his/her team.** A refund must be requested by contacting the City of Ventura PR&CP Department at 658-4705.
- **No requests will be honored for placement of players with a specific coach or player, or for transportation convenience. If you are selected as a coach your son or daughter will be placed on the team that you coach.**

## **How the teams are put together . . .**

At registration each player is required to be skill tested. Players will be measured for height and their skills tested in the areas of shooting, dribbling, passing and team/game like competition. The player's ratings are then placed into a computer software system. The software program then formulates teams according to their grade, height and overall rating.

## **Practice information . . .**

**Your child's coach will notify you the middle of December regarding the team's practice schedule.** The volunteer coach determines the practice days, times, and location. Coaches are encouraged to have between one and two practices a week. Players not attending at least one scheduled practice a week will only be required to play one period in the following game. If you have not heard from your coach by November 18 please call the VYBA Hotline.

## **Game schedules . . .**

Games will be played on Saturdays, Sundays and some weekday evenings at various gyms in Ventura. Games are not scheduled at gyms based on where a player lives. Once the first half of the games are completed the second half of the schedule will be readjusted taking into consideration each team's win/loss record.

## **Uniforms . . .**

Players are required to wear solid black shorts and their unaltered VYBA team jerseys to all games. Boxer shorts are not to be worn under uniform trunks. A player may be ruled ineligible to play if brought to the Gym Supervisor's attention. Spandex or compression shorts may be worn under uniform trunks, but must be black.

## **Awards . . .**

Awards will only be given to those teams competing at the Finals on March 17 and 18. No other team or individual awards will be given.

## Volunteer Coaches

The VYBA program relies on the use of volunteer coaches. Volunteering to coach a VYBA team can be a rewarding experience and is a chance to actively get involved in your son or daughter's basketball experience. No experience is necessary! **The overwhelming requirement for a coach in our program is the desire to give the KIDS a fun enjoyable experience!** A coaches "how to" clinic is provided for those coaches who feel they need some help getting things going. Coaches determine the practice days, times and location. Volunteering to coach is a commitment that is well worth it!

### Coaches must successfully complete:

- A coaches application
- Live Scan (fingerprinting) performed by Ventura Police Department
- Supplemental questionnaires
- Attend one **MANDATORY** coaches meeting on either one of two dates – **November 2 or 5**

With a program the size of VYBA (100 teams/coaches, 1,000 kids), we sometimes find ourselves in a situation where we are short some coaches as it gets closer to the start of the season. Given that we use a computerized system to place players on teams, it is possible for your child to end up on a team where there is not a coach available. You may receive a call requesting your assistance with coaching your child's team. We encourage all parents, other family members or friends, to consider applying to coach when they register them to play. On the other hand, there are those rare occasions where we have more parents interested in coaching than we have teams and some parents/coaches will be unable to coach.

## VYBA Supplemental Rules

The following is a quick reference to a few VYBA supplemental rules:

**Please remember that the majority of VYBA officials are high school age kids officiating for the first time. Please treat the officials with patience and respect at all times.** They do receive training, but no amount of training will make them be able to make every call satisfactory to everyone at the game!! None of the officials want to have coaches, parents or kids yelling at them! None of the officials want to make bad calls! One simple thing to think about before we "blame the ref" is to think about all the things we have control over (how many free throws did I miss, how many lay-ups did I miss, how many points did I let the other player score, etc.). Once we take care of all the things we have control over, and play a perfect game, then ... maybe ... we can look to someone else to blame for the outcome of the game?

## Individual Playing Time . . .

- Players are required to play two (2) uninterrupted periods and must sit out at least one (1) full uninterrupted period during the course of each game. If only six players are available to play, then only one (1) player will be allowed to play all five periods.
- Exception: If a player has not attended at least one scheduled practice during the week the coach is only required to play that individual a minimum of one period in that week's game. Coaches and parents should communicate with each other before the next game to avoid any misunderstanding.

## Full Court Press . . .

- Pressing is NOT allowed in Division I (2/3 grade boys and girls)
- Pressing is NOT allowed in Division II & III boys and Division II & III girls or B3 (6th grade) boys except during the last four minutes of the fifth period of the game and in overtime.
- Pressing IS allowed in Division IV Boys (7th/8th grades) and the High School Divisions at anytime during the game unless the margin by the leading team is 15 or more.
- **No pressing means that the team with possession of the ball MUST be allowed to cross the half court line WITHOUT being guarded!**
- **Any team that is ahead by 15 points or more is NOT allowed to press.**

## Key/Lane Violations . . .

- The three-second-lane violation will be enforced in Divisions II, III, IV and High School.
- A five second lane violation will be enforced in Division I. Officials will be instructed to warn and assist players and coaches for the first two games and begin to strictly enforce it in the third game on.
- **PLEASE NOTE! The count (three or five seconds) RESTARTS whenever one of the kids attempts a shot at the basket.**

## Free Throws . . .

- Free throws will be awarded when:
  - A player is fouled in the act of shooting.
  - A team is in the "bonus" situation on the 7th team foul in either the first or second half of the game.

- A technical foul is given (two free throws).
- A flagrant or intentional foul is given.
- In Division I, the free throw line will be three feet closer to the basket.
- A player who fouls out of the game is required to remain on the bench with his/her team.

## Scoring . . .

- Three point line shots will be counted in Boys Division IV, Girls Division III and High School Divisions only. There will be no three point shot allowed in gyms that do not have three point lines on the court.
- **Each team is required to supply one volunteer for the score table at every game.**

## Technical Fouls . . .

There are two types of technical fouls:

- **Procedural technical** (examples)
  - Breaking the “plane” of the out of bounds line or during a free throw.
  - Slapping the backboard.
- **Unsportsmanlike technical** (examples)
  - Profane or obscene language.
  - Verbal abuse towards officials.
  - Taunting of other teams.

## Sportsmanship Counts!

Sportsmanship is an integral part of the VYBA program. In order to help make this a positive experience for the players, coaches and parents we have a “Sportsmanship Code of Conduct” that is to be signed and turned in at the first game.

VYBA will be implementing a Sportsmanship rating system for the leagues players, coaches and spectators. The Board of Directors, Gym Supervisors and Community Services staff will be rating the level of sportsmanship displayed by each team throughout the season. At the end of the season the top scoring teams in each division will be rewarded and recognized.

**Other Sportsmanship incentives VYBA offers are:**

- Team sportsmanship trophies at the end of the season
- Sportsmanship essay contest – Deadline for entry: February 2
- “Steve Lester Memorial Coach of the Year” award

# Unsportsmanlike Conduct Policy

**The sequence of progressive discipline shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Gym Supervisor, Community Services Department staff and/or the VYBA Board of Directors. Any step(s) in the process may be bypassed or eliminated in applying disciplinary actions.**

## **Player . . .**

- A player receiving an unsportsmanlike technical foul will be required to sit out the remainder of the period and all of the next period **regardless of the playing time requirements.**
- A player receiving a second unsportsmanlike technical in the same game will be suspended from the remainder of the game (but must stay on the bench with his/her team) and the next scheduled game.
- A player receives three unsportsmanlike technicals during the course of the season will be suspended from the VYBA program for the remainder of the season.

## **Coach . . .**

- A coach receiving an unsportsmanlike technical foul will be required to remain seated during the rest of the game ("Seat Belt Rule").
- If a coach receives a second unsportsmanlike technical foul during the same game, he/she will be required to leave the gym for the remainder of the game.
- If a coach receives three unsportsmanlike technical fouls during the season, he/she will be relieved of their duties as a coach for the remainder of the season.

## **Spectator . . .**

- A spectator behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner will be asked to refrain from such behavior by the coach and/or the Gym Supervisor.
- If he/she continues, the Gym Supervisor will ask him/her to leave the gym.
- If he/she does not leave, the team of the said spectator will receive an unsportsmanlike technical and may risk forfeiture of the game and the police may be called.

## Important Dates to Remember:

- Coaches will contact players: mid-November
- First game: Saturday, January 7
- Picture Day: TBA
- Sportsmanship Essay Deadline: February 2
- **VYBA Finals:**  
**Friday & Saturday, March 17 & 18**

## Contact Information

City of Ventura PR&CP.....658-4726  
VYBA Hotline.....658-4705  
VYBA / City of Ventura website..... [www.vyba.org](http://www.vyba.org)  
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