

## CVYBA Travel Team Parent and Player Contract

All parents and players participating in CVYBA Travel Program activities must acknowledge, understand, and practice the following guidance:

### Travel Communication Policies:

- Concerns should be expressed in the following manner:
  - Players should be encouraged to communicate directly with the Head Coach or an Assistant Coach.
  - If concern is unresolved or more appropriately communicated by an adult, a parent or guardian should communicate with the Head Coach or an Assistant Coach.
  - If concern is still unresolved, a parent or guardian should communicate with a Development Coordinator.
  - If concern requires continued attention, a parent or guardian should communicate with an Executive Board Member.
- Coaches should not be questioned about playing time during the season by anyone not on the roster.
  - CVYBA will not tolerate coaching decisions being influenced by outside parents or parents lobbying for their own children to the disadvantage of others.
  - If parents feel that there is a playing time situation that violates CVYBA By Laws, they should contact the Development Coordinator or an Executive Board member.
- Individual players' statistics should not be shared with players unless they are being used by the coaches as motivation or teaching tools to promote team success.
- All instruction should come from approved coaches. Parents should not be yelling directions at players during competition.
- Coaches have the option to close practices to parents as long as at least two coaches are present.

### Travel Playing Time Policy

- Playing time in grades 6th and under should be as even as possible over the course of the season.
- Coaches may use play time as a tool to motivate, teach, and reward players.
- Players are not guaranteed any playing time in any single game.

### Travel Program Attendance Policy

- CVYBA Travel Participation should be prioritized in season over other program activities of equal importance, with the exception of scholastic activity.

- A CVYBA Travel basketball practice takes precedence over all other practices. For example, a CVYBA practice takes precedence over an AAU practice.
- A CVYBA game should take precedence over all other games. The same goes for tournaments. For example, if a CVYBA travel tournament and a AAU basketball tournament or a dance competition conflict, the expectation is that the player will participate in the CVYBA travel tournament.
- However, if a CVYBA practice or league game conflicts with a Soccer tournament, for example, the soccer tournament can take precedence over the practice or league game.
- Nonetheless, nothing shall prevent the Head Coach from dismissing a player from the team with Board Approval if regular attendance becomes an issue.

#### Financial Responsibility

- Parents must accept financial responsibility for additional costs beyond registration fees.
- Coaches must outline estimated costs at the onset of the season at a parent meeting.
- Families needing financial aid may reach out to Head Coaches, Development Coordinators, or Board Members.

#### CVYBA priorities for travel and rec programs include:

- Using basketball as a tool to build character and teach life skills to Cumberland Valley students.
- Fostering new friendships and relationship skills within a team first environment.
- Having fun while enjoying physical activity.
- Encourage and role model community service.

#### CVYBA basketball goals include:

- Fundamental development of young players.
- Instill the skills and love of competition to promote lifelong *play*... on driveways, playgrounds, and gyms.
- Collaboration with the Cumberland Valley School programs to prepare enough players to fill middle school scholastic basketball rostered with experienced athletes.
- At no level is winning a priority. Hard work, practice, competition, sportsmanship, and the pursuit of excellence is encouraged.

#### CVYBA policies include:

- Under no circumstances is the criticism of officials acceptable. The only communication with or about officials should be positive.
- Respect for facilities and custodians is paramount. All facilities should be cleaned up thoroughly after use and left in better condition than during arrival.
- Participants should treat all opponents with respect and kindness.
- CVYBA will have Zero tolerance for abusive language or behavior.
- Participant safety trumps all other considerations.