**Player/Parent Code of Conduct**

The purpose of this document is to ensure that both Players and Parents/Guardians of participants involved in the Virginia Flights Basketball team are made aware of and have agreed to the team’s Code of Conduct. Each player and parent/guardian is expected to sign, acknowledge and abide by the team’s Code of Conduct. Virginia Flights seeks to build a strong positive culture of good sportsmanship and exemplary behavior. This Code applies to coaches, team managers, players, parents, and even family/friends of the team and its players. Because this is such an important aspect to the culture of the organization, we want to clearly specify the expectations and ensure everyone is fully informed so we can then hold everyone accountable.

Failure to observe the Code of Conduct could result in forfeiture of a player’s tournament participation and/or continued team participation. Players who violate the code of conduct will be benched. Family members who violate the code of conduct may be asked to leave a game and/or the gym premises. A player may be asked to leave the team entirely for repeated violations of the Code, and if so, there will be no refunds of the player participation fees.

(Players)

* I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect toward my teammates, coaches, competitors and officials at every game or practice.
* I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my team and others ahead of my personal desire to win or the need to excel individually.
* I will maintain a positive mental attitude for the duration of the season. I will honor the game of basketball and never lose sight that it is just a game.
* I will refrain from arguing with the officials.
* I will always remember that this organization will win with dignity and lose with class.
* I will be a good role model and an ambassador for the organization.

(Parents)

* I will support the coaches working with the Virginia Flights in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable basketball experience for all.
* I will always behave respectfully toward my daughter’s teammates, other players, coaches, fans and the officials, despite what they may do or how they themselves might behave. I will also reinforce this perspective with my daughter and will role model the desired behavior for my child.
* I will do my very best to make the sport of basketball fun for my child and help her balance winning and personal achievement with teamwork, learning basketball skills and life lessons.
* I will communicate directly with coaches with any problems, questions or concerns.
* If I would like to discuss my daughter’s playing time with the head coach, I understand that it will not be done immediately after a game. An email or call is preferred to set up a time to sit down and talk.
  + I understand that the organization is relying on me to meet its financial obligations in a timely manner. This includes my daughter being present or absent **for any** particular tournament. Therefore, if I can’t meet my obligation for a particular month, I will contact the treasurer to immediately discuss.
  + I will be responsible for picking up and dropping off my child to practices or games on time. If my daughter is late or unable to attend practices or games, I will contact her direct report coach and/or the Director of Basketball Operations - Coach Tony Brown.

Player Print Name / Signature (Date)

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Parent/Guardian Print Name(s) / Signature(s) (Date)