



**Virginia Association AAU
Boys' and Girls' Basketball
"COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS"**

The purpose of this document is to ensure that coaches of youth participants involved in the Virginia Association AAU Boys' and Girls' Basketball Program are made aware of and are participants of the Association's "No Nonsense to Violence" involving coaches, parents and fans. Each coach must sign **CODE OF ETHICS**. The Virginia Association AAU Boys' and Girls' Basketball Program will not tolerate hostile and disruptive outbursts by coaches, parents, or fans. Failure to observe the code of ethics could result in forfeiture of your team's continued participation.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my players participating in the Virginia Association AAU Boys' and Girls' Basketball Program by following this Code of Ethics:

I. I shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

II. I, as the coach, must always consider the personal safety of the athletes.

III. I shall be thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of competition, and shall be responsible for their interpretation to team members. I shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or letter of the rules.

IV. Game officials shall have the respect and support of myself as a coach. I shall not indulge in conduct that will incite the players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of the officials or players is unethical.

V. I shall respect my opponents, display gracious behavior during competition and require my players to conduct themselves in similar fashion. Before and after the game, I shall meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the game.

VI. I shall actively use my influence to enhance sportsmanship by my parents and fans.

VII. I shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use by my players.

VIII. I will recognize the importance of the athlete's academic development and promote the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.

Coach Signature _____ Date _____
Club Official's Signature _____ Date _____