

VASHON PIRATE BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

2009 – 2010 There is nothing easy about it.

We are pleased that you have chosen to participate in the Vashon High School Boys' Basketball program for the 2009-2010 school year. We, as coaches, will do all we can to provide a positive experience for all involved—an experience in which players will grow in their individual basketball skills, in their ability to work as part of a team, and in their character as human beings. We will strive for excellence both on and off the court while stressing the following things: **teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, and hustle**. These are things that will continue beyond basketball and into life itself.

The following expectations and guidelines of player conduct for the 2009-2010 varsity VHS boys' basketball team were established by Varsity Team members in a "players only" meeting on Friday, November 27, 2009. These guidelines are not meant to replace the district athletic code or other school policies, but are intended to raise the level of expectation for the members of our team to an even greater standard. The standards below will serve as a guide for action should violations occur. Violations other than those listed will be handled on an individual basis.

EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDLINES

1. Players are expected to cooperate and give their full effort and attention to the coaches at all times. Respect for other players, managers, equipment, and coaches must be given for proper practice and game attitude.
2. Players are expected to follow the VHS Athletic Code. Blatant violation of the drug and alcohol sections of the VHS Athletic Code (Section IV, Part D,) will result in immediate dismissal from the team.
3. Secondary violations including (but not limited to) being late to practice, not having your practice uniform, embarrassing the team, and technical or flagrant fouls, will result in helping the team managers fulfill their duties before and after practice.
4. Players are expected to be at every practice and team function. Unavoidable conflicts should be explained by the player to the coach prior to an absence whenever possible. At a minimum, a player who will be absent should call and leave a message (Coach Sears 253-223-2662). Failure to do this will result in an unexcused absence, to be handled as follows:
 - a. First offense-secondary violation; not starting next game.
 - b. Second offense-Same as above and one game suspension (no suit).

c. Dismissal from the team.

Basketball is a huge commitment! Your priorities should be as follows:

- 1) Family (emergencies; religious observances; etc.)
- 2) School work and academic standing
- 3) Basketball
- 4) Other activities, including work

5. Players are encouraged to communicate with coaches as concerns or needs arise; however, players will be expected to address concerns at times other than during practice or games. Talk-back at these times will result in disciplinary action. At a minimum, players will be immediately removed from the court until such time that a coach can speak individually with the player. Continued offenses will result in consequences, up to dismissal.

LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

Athletic letters will be awarded to players who have made significant contributions to the varsity team, in practice and/or games, and who finish the season in good standing. Final lettering decisions are at the discretion of the coach.

Signed and Dated, VHS Varsity Boys Basketball Team Members and Coaches

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****Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign an acknowledgment of the expectations and guidelines for their son in the VHS Boys Basketball program.**