

Boys Basketball

Welcome to another season of Vineyard Basketball. The coaching staff is very excited to get the season underway and are looking forward to another successful season on and off the court. Below I've laid out the expectations for the team members and the contact information for each of the coaches. If you have questions please see the coach in charge of your child, then come talk to me and if you still have concerns talk to the Athletic Director, Mark McCarthy.

Practices: The practice schedules are given out to each team at the first practice, and then at the start of each month. If the schedule did not make it home with your child please email me and I will send you one directly. All players are expected to be at all scheduled practices and events, absence from practice/team events will have a negative effect on an individuals playing time and possibly standing on the team. Please inform your coach directly if you are going to be missing time prior to being absent.

Game Days: For travel boys teams will wear a shirt and tie with khakis or something similar, to and from away games. I have a number of ties available if needed. At away games players are expected to be in stands during games played by other teams and conduct themselves appropriately at all times. From the time we leave the school until we return home we are representatives of MVRHS and the Coaching staff expects players to behave in a respectful way at all times. Failure to meet our behavioral expectations will have a negative effect on an individuals playing time and possibly standing on the team.

Home games varsity players are expected to be present for the start of the JV game and support the JV team. The team will shoot around at half time of the JV game and should be focused on the game ahead. During the JV game or while on the varsity bench the Coaching staff expects players to behave in a respectful way at all times. Failure to meet our behavioral expectations will have a negative effect on an individuals playing time and possibly standing on the team.

Parents: If for some reason your son will be traveling with you after an away game it is imperative that you give the coach a note indicating you will be taking your child. Please give this directly to the coach so there is no confusion regarding who should be on the bus and who won't be returning with the team. Varsity players have games over Christmas break and the MIAA State tournament runs during our February vacation. JV and Freshman teams will have some practices during Christmas break but their season ends prior to the February vacation. If you choose to travel to away games, while we love the dedication and support, please refrain from making derogatory comments about the officials and/or our opponents.

Scheduling: Scheduling information is available at www.vineyardhoop.com and on Arbiter Sports App. You can also join the basketball google classroom using the code **rot6rsn** or email me for an invite. Any changes to practice or game schedules will be communicated through these two sites as well as via texts from your child's coach.

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Mike Joyce mjoyce@mvrhs.org

JV Coach: Kane Araujo kanearaujo@icloud.com

Freshman Coach: Asil Cash acash@ymcamv.org

Athletic Director: Mark McCarthy **Athletic Trainer:** Tania Laslovich

Student Eligibility: Chemical Health/Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco MIAA Chemical Health Policy

From the earliest fall practice date, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event (whichever is latest), a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product(including e-cigarettes, VAP pens and all similar devices); marijuana (including synthetic); steroids; or any controlled substance. This policy includes products such as “NA or near beer,” **inhalants (defined as any substance that produces a mind-altering effect when inhaled), and misuse of over-the-counter medications and substances used for the purposes of altering one’s mental state.** It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student’s own use by his/her doctor. This MIAA statewide minimum standard is not intended to render “guilt by association”, e.g. many student-athletes might be present at a party where only a few violate this standard. This rule represents only a minimum standard upon which schools may develop more stringent requirements.

If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again.

First violation: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests (regular season and tournament) totaling 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation. During the suspension the disqualified student may not be in uniform and his/her attendance at the competition site is determined by the high school principal. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 25% of the season.

Second and subsequent violations: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests (regular season and tournament) totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 60% of the season.

If after the second or subsequent violations the student of his/her own volition becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MIAA activities after a minimum of 40% of events provided the student was fully engaged in the program throughout that penalty period. The high school principal in collaboration with a Chemical Dependency Program or Treatment Program must certify that student is attending or issue a certificate of completion. If student does not complete program, penalty reverts back to 60% of the season. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 40% of the season.

Penalties shall be cumulative each academic year, but serving the penalty could carry over for one year. Or, if the penalty period is not completed during the season of violation, the penalty shall carry over to the student’s next season of actual participation, which may affect the eligibility status of the student during the next academic year (e.g. A student plays only football: he violates the rule in winter and/or the spring of same academic year: he would serve the penalty [ies] during the fall season of the next academic year) If a student is not an athletic participant for one full year after affirmation of a violation, then the penalty period would close and the student would face no consequence. Prior to any chemical health violation a

student's request for and enrollment in a substance abuse treatment shall not in and of itself constitute a violation of the chemical health/alcohol/drugs/tobacco Rule 62.