

Miami Valley Saints Basketball

Covenant and Code of Conduct

Who are we

The Miami Valley Saints is an organization of Christian home-schooling families intentionally joined together to provide a way for our children to compete in competitive basketball. We are a parent-run organization therefore commitment and support from each family unit is needed and expected.

Statement of Faith

A Statement of Faith is foundational for setting a baseline of expectations. It affirms that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God; therefore, it provides the essential teachings and principles for personal and player conduct.

Mission

The Miami Valley Saint's mission is to glorify God while developing young athletes into men of Christ. The organization exists to provide the best opportunities for the development of homeschool athletes to excel in teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and moral character.

Responsibilities of Players, Parents, and family members

- **Building up One Another:** We expect each member of the Saints community to strive consciously to maintain relationships that support, encourage, and build up one another. (Romans 15:1-0)
- **Forgiving One Another:** Because of our fallen natures, difficulties in relationships will occur. In such cases, we must strive to respond with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience making allowance for each other and forgiving one another. (Colossians 3:12-13)
- **Caring for One Another:** We are responsible to come alongside those experiencing grief, discouragement, illness, tragedy, or other personal trials, Expressions of bearing one another's burdens include comfort, encouragement, consolation, and intercession. (Galatians 6:2)
- **Respecting One Another:** Because of the God-given worth and dignity of people, each member of the Saints community is expected to be sensitive to the image of God created in every person. Therefore, discrimination against others on the basis of race,

national origin, age, gender, or disability is not acceptable. Any kind of demeaning gesture, symbol, communication, threat, or act of violence directed toward another person will not be tolerated. (Colossians 3;11-14; 1 John 3:14-18)

- Speaking the Truth in Love: A community such as ours can be strengthened by speaking the truth to each other with love. Problems in relationships and behavior can be resolved constructively by confronting one another in an appropriate spirit. If the welfare of the one being confronted is paramount and if the confronter is motivated by and acting in love, the process can produce growth. Ephesians 4:15: Galatians 6:1)
- Reconciliation, Restoration, and Restitution: Healing broken relationships is necessary for a healthy community, when relationships have been harmed, regardless of the reason, individuals are expected to reach out to one another, forgive one another, restore the relationships, and make restitution. (Matthew 5;23-24: 18:15-20)

Responsibilities of Individual Attitudes and Behaviors

- Attributes of the Holy Spirit: Scripture teaches that certain attributes are available to individuals through the Holy Spirit. These attributes include: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-24 NIV) This “fruit of the spirit” is to be sought, encouraged, and demonstrated in our relationships. We are also called to live lives characterized by peace and holiness. (Hebrews 12:14)
- In contrast to encouraging these positive attributes of the Holy Spirit, Scripture condemns injustices and attitudes such as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, prejudice, and hatred. Although these attitudes are sometimes difficult to discern, they can hinder relationships with God and others and lead to unacceptable behavior. (Galatians 5:19-21: Ephesians 4:31; Micah 6:8)
- Prohibited Behaviors: Certain behaviors are expressly prohibited in Scripture and therefore are to be avoided by all members of the Saints. They include theft, lying, dishonesty, gossip, slander, backbiting, profanity, vulgarity, crude language, sexual immorality, underage use of alcohol, immodesty of dress, and occult practice. (Mark 7:20-23; Romans 13:12-14; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

Cell Phone and Social Media Policy

Coaches retain the right to limit or prohibit cell phone usage during all Saints events, Players are permitted to use their device if a coach has specifically permitted them. This is not intended to limit a player’s ability to communicate with parents or guardians.

- Players are permitted to bring a cell phone to Saint’s events however; they must be left in their gym bag or given to a parent or coach. Phones are not to be used during the periods of time that their coach designates except in the case of an emergency.

- No pictures or videos may be posted or shared with others or social media outlets unless given permission.
- Granted, MVS reserves the right to post, share, and livestream programs and activities in a positive view to promote the MVS program while sharing with friends and family.
- No pictures or videos may be taken of other players unless given permission.
- Any social media posts, group texts, or any activity using these platforms must follow the above-described behaviors. (No bullying, pure thoughts, appropriate language, etc.).

Parents/Guardian Statement

- I will encourage my child (children) to be a good sport and a team player.
- I will refrain from derogatory speech toward any player, official, or coach.
- To the best of my ability, I will encourage Christian behavior in my child (children) on and off the court.
- I will see that my child (children) is faithful and punctual to practice-understanding that expectations are made for illness, family, church activities, traffic delays, and overlapping sports commitments.
- I will pray that the Lord uses the experiences of the basketball season in all our lives to make us stronger Christians.
- I understand that any occurrence of a player smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, or chemical abuse will result in their immediate dismissal from the team.
- I understand and agree to the cell phone and social media policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Parent Name (print)	Date
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Player Signature	Player Name (print)	Date
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