

Vilonia Pee wee Program Regulations/Guidelines

Statement of Purpose: The Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program is provided to the students in the Vilonia School District to promote the opportunity and participation in the sport of basketball. The program is committed to promoting good sportsmanship, the development of basketball skills of the players, and competitive fun.

Program Director: Has overall responsibility for the Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program (players, coaches, referees, and committee members activities). The Director coordinates the scheduling of team games and tournament games during the season. The current Director is Terry Shannon

Program Assistant Director: Assists the Director of Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program in overall responsibility of the program. Helps coordinate scheduling of team games and tournament games during the season. The current Assistant Directors are Stacy Starr & Emma Buck.

School Representative: Represents the Vilonia School District. The current Representative is Athletic Director, John Sweeney.

Program Committee: Consists of current team coaches, Program Director, & Program Assistant Directors. The Committee makes decisions regarding the operations of the Program. Each grade and division are represented in this committee. Every year, the existing committee will vote on the new third grade representatives.

Current Committee:

3rd Grade Girls:

3rd Grade Boys:

4th Grade Girls: Ryan Overbay

4th Grade Boys: Jeremy Simon

5th Grade Girls: Chad Roller

5th Grade Boys: Cash Cromwell

6th Grade Girls: Brennan McCutchen

6th Grade Boys: Scott Sanders

Program Assistant Director: Stacy Starr

Program Assistant Director: Emma Buck

Program Director: Terry Shannon

Season Dates: The Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program begins November 1st and ends February 28th. Tournament entry and game play prior to November 1st and after February 28th are not affiliated with the Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program and are the responsibility of each team's coach.

Participation: The Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program is open to students in grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 only. This program is for students in the Vilonia School District or who live in the Vilonia School District with at least one parent or legal guardian. It is open to students who are homeschooled and live in the Vilonia School District.

Registration: Each student registering to play must complete a registration form. A parent or legal guardian must sign an acknowledgement of the Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program guidelines. Each player registered will be required to pay a registration fee of \$45.

Liability/Releases: The Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program is not responsible for any legal liability for any injury, losses or damages to any student, player, parent, coach, spectator, referee, committee member, or any other person involved or associated with the Vilonia Pee wee Basketball Program. Each play, parent, coach, and committee member are required to sign an acknowledgement and release of liability.

Code of Conduct (Coaches, Parents, Players): Parents, fans, coaches, and players are asked to conduct themselves in an orderly and sportsmanlike fashion. No profane language will be tolerated at any time. Badgering or harassing an official, score keeper, player,

coach, or other spectators will not be tolerated. At no time is a parent or fan allowed on the court except for an injured player. Each coach, player, parent, and committee member will abide by the guidelines and rules of the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program. Should any violations occur, the Program Director or Committee Member will make the offending person aware of the rules. Failure to comply with the rules will result in the removal of the offending person/persons from the building. Multiple offenses by the same person/persons will result in the offending party to be suspended or banned from further participation in the program. Coaches are responsible for their bench area and are required to enforce the rules.

Teams: Each team formed MUST consist of a minimum of seven (7) players. The goal is to ensure that all students participating in the program have an opportunity to play. Returning players in 4th-6th grade will be placed on the team that they played for the previous year. New players in 4th-6th grade will be placed on a team by either a draft or assignment to be performed by the Program Directors and/or Committee Members. Players will be placed on the team that has the least number of returning players first. Third grade teams will be formed through a draft (see current Draft Guidelines in the CAPBC Rules). **There will be NO ALTERNATE players for Vilonia teams.** Hand-picked teams can be allowed to play in Vilonia but will not be considered a "league" team and will not play conference games or the conference tournament. Hand-picked teams will be treated as a tournament or travel team and will be required to pay \$30 per game plus regular gate fees. Game availability for hand-picked teams is at the discretion of the Program Director.

Playing Time Requirement: **All players in the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program are required to play a minimum of EIGHT MINUTES of every regular season conference game. The end of season tournament games is exempt from this minimum.** Coaches are responsible for making sure each player gets the required playing time.

Uniforms: Each team will be responsible for providing uniforms for their players. Players must be in uniforms at all games. Official uniform consists of matching jersey, shorts, and proper shoes. The jersey must be tucked into the shorts and the number must be clearly visible to officials. Numbers MUST be printed on the front and back of the jersey. Number 6, 7, 8, 9 are not to be used in any way. Players not in uniform may not participate in a game at the discretion of the coach, Program Director, or Committee Member. Players on the game floor with any type of jewelry or hair ornaments will be asked to remove the item in a timely manner or not be permitted to play in games until the requested item is removed. If a team wants to have a sponsor to help cover uniform costs, that is up to the coach. No banners will be displayed or allowed in the gyms to promote a team sponsor.

Coaches: Teams will consist of one coach and no more than one assistant coach. Coaches and assistant coaches are responsible for ensuring their team's players and parents are aware of all practices, game times, and/or cancellations or any other communications from the program director. Coaches are responsible for attending all coaches' meetings and any other meetings called by the program director. Coaches and assistant coaches are expected and required to always display good sportsmanship while involved in the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program and to be a positive example of sportsmanship in both words and actions at home games and away games. All coaches are required to play each player a minimum of one (1) quarter of every regular season conference game. The end of season tournament games is exempt from the minimum playing time requirement.

Coaches Meeting: Coaches, assistant coaches, or their representatives are required to attend all coaches' meetings. Meetings are used to provide information on games, practices, schedules, rules, tournaments, and any other issue related to the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program.

Parents: All parents and spectators attending games, meetings, practices, etc. are expected to display good sportsmanship in words and actions. Parents who have concerns or complaints regarding any aspect of the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program are asked to bring the concern/complaint to the attention of their team's coach. The coach will then be responsible for bringing the concern/complaint to the Program Director. If a parent has discussed a concern with their coach and is not satisfied, then the parent may contact the Program Director.

Referees: Referees are hired by the Program Director for conference and end of season tournament games. They do not have an affiliation with the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program. Issues regarding officiating should be brought to the Program Director for review. Referees that have spouses, children, or siblings involved in the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program will not be allowed to officiate a game in which the relative is playing. Exceptions to this rule may be made if both coaches approve before the game has started. Any inappropriate language and/or behavior directed toward a referee or score keeper by fans, parents, players, or coaches will not be tolerated. The Program Director and/or Committee will determine whether a player, coach, parent, or fan should be suspended or banned from the program for the season due to the severity of the language and/or behavior displayed.

Practices: Practices are not to begin prior to November 1st. Practices scheduled at Vilonia School District buildings will range from a minimum of one (1) hour to one and a half (1 ½) hours depending on scheduling and facility availability. Coaches are responsible for starting and stopping their team's practice on time in consideration of other teams to not infringe on another team's practice time. Teams that have a practice time scheduled and need to cancel their practice must provide 24-hour notice so that other teams scheduled for the same facility are not locked out. Teams that cancel practices without providing a 24-hour notice may be subject to losing access to practice facilities. All coaches shall attend each practice or have his/her assistant coach attend practice in their place. Players shall not be allowed to practice without supervision. Only Vilonia students are allowed to practice in the Vilonia Gyms. Scrimmage games with other towns MUST be approved by the Program Director.

Games: During the official Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program season each team will play at least one game each Saturday. In some cases, a second game will be scheduled. Games will be determined by the number of available towns/teams in each division prior to each season's start. The end of season tournament will be played on the 1st Saturday after the regular season is finished. The championship games will be played the Saturday after the end of season tournament. End of season tournament games may be played during the week if needed.

Game Rules: SEE EXISTING CAPWBC LEAGUE RULES

Tournaments/Games outside of the conference: Participation in or entry into open tournaments will be the responsibility of each team's coach. CAPWBC league rules and Vilonia Program guidelines do not apply during open tournament play. Please check with the tournament director to determine the rules.

End of Season Standings: The end of season standings will include only league games. End of season tournament games will not count towards the final standings in determining the draft order for the next season.

Facilities Use/Clean-up/Lock-up: Teams and coaches are responsible for ensuring that all Vilonia School District facilities used for practices and/or games are cleaned up after each use. Any damage caused by a team's use of a facility to any building or equipment will be the responsibility of the team members to repair or replace. Coaches do not roll out/roll in the bleachers or lower/raise goals at any gym for any reason. If you are the last team to leave the gym on practice night, make sure the lights are turned off and the doors are locked and closed before you leave. If you are the last game on a Vilonia court, it is your responsibility to clean up the trash in the bleachers before leaving the facility.

Financial: All money raised by the Vilonia Peewee Basketball Program from game admissions and registration fees will be used to fund the expenses of the program. The Program Director is responsible to ensure the expenses of the program are satisfied. A donation is made at the end of every season to the Vilonia High School Athletic Department.

The MOST important thing to remember is that this is a program designed for children. This program is designed for players to learn the fundamentals of basketball. Please keep in mind that these young players are very impressionable and what happens to them at this time will have an impact on them. Try to make this learning experience as positive as it can be in building self-esteem and basketball skills, along with having fun.