**Panther Valley Basketball**

**2023-2024 Rules**

**Attendance:**  Attendance at all practices is required unless a family emergency or sickness should arise; therefore, the staff expects all players to attend all practices.  Practice is essential to building team concepts and improving upon your own personal skill set.  The staff will determine what is and is not a worthy excuse for missing a practice.  We also ask that, if you know a practice is going to be difficult to attend, you reach out and give the coaching staff plenty of advance notice.  This will help the staff plan accordingly.

Failure to report an absence **prior** to the beginning of practice will result in the absence being considered unexcused, regardless of reason.  For example, if we have an 8:00 AM practice on a Saturday, calling at 8:00 AM (or later) to tell us you are sick will not be acceptable and will result in an unexcused absence.

**Respect:**  Players are expected to be respectful at all times to their teammates, coaches, and managers.  Teams that bond and are unified are often the most successful come March.  I coach because I love the game of basketball.  I want you to as well. As the season progresses you will understand and embrace the ideology of what it is to “Respect the Game”…

**Travel To/From Games:**  Barring unforeseen circumstances, all players are expected to ride the bus to and from every away game.  There will be zero exceptions to this rule.  This is not open for debate.  Bus rides are an excellent time to bond with teammates and make high school memories that you will cherish for a lifetime.

**School Work:**  The staff assures each player that we will do everything in our capacity to run a program which values what it is to be a student-athlete.  The staff expects all team members to complete homework assignments daily.  Failure to do so will result in suspension from the team until all work is made up.  Remember, when using the term student-athlete, “student” comes first.

**Behavior:**  The staff expects all members of the program to act appropriately in school.  Detentions and suspensions are inappropriate and will be dealt with accordingly.  Outside of the school punishment, additional punishment will be added to such offenses per the staff’s discretion.  In my twenty-nine years of coaching, I am most proud of the quality of student athletes that thrive in our program.  We will be scholars in the classroom, leaders in the hallways, and hard workers on the court.

**Playing Time/Individual Performance:**  The coaching staff wishes you to understand that decisions regarding playing time and positions are being made with what they believe to be the best interest of the team in mind.  We will happily sit down with a player and discuss any questions or concerns they have over playing time or areas needing improvement.  The staff will also meet with parents to discuss any questions they might have but this must be done per a set appointment with the Athletic Director.  (Please note:  After games … win or lose ... emotions run high and we feel that it is not in the best interest of anyone to meet directly after a game.  Therefore, none of the staff will discuss concerns, issues, or questions immediately following a game.  We ask that you contact a member of the staff at the enclosed email to set up an appointment and we will gladly meet at a later time.)

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**Please return the completed bottom portion to a member of the coaching staff by Monday Nov. 22.**

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By signing below, I am stating that I have received, read, and understand the 2023-2024 rules of the Panther Valley Panthers Girl’s Basketball team.  These rules are in addition to the Panther Valley Area School District’s code of conduct.

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