



Dear Northern Valley Athletic Association (NVAA) coaches, players, parents, and spectators;

During the 2022 Winter Youth Basketball season, we have encountered multiple instances of confrontation between individuals and staff on and off the court. The issues in reference involve coaches, parents, players, and spectators presenting extremely negative behavior specifically towards officials, NVAA personnel, and others in attendance.

As a reminder, we ask that you be considerate to all officials and personnel, regardless of their age. Put yourself in their shoes, or better yet, in the shoes of their parents. Before making a negative comment or blurting out a condescending remark, think about how it would feel to be on the receiving end.

The NVAA holds each participating agency's staff and their programs to a higher standard of support for the youth who participate in our programs and the parents and family members who give of their time to coach and volunteer. Our role is to encourage and support our teams, coaches, officials, and other staff; not to degrade, become argumentative, or physically or verbally abusive because we disagree with calls made during play. Competition is a natural element in the game, but our primary goal is to provide a positive environment for success and enjoyment for the youth.

Considering this, the NVAA has released a new "Zero Tolerance Policy" and has updated the "Coach and Parents Code of Conduct" in the rulebook; this will be provided to all coaches and parents currently participating in the 2022 Winter Youth Basketball programs. We will not tolerate disrespectful behavior or physical and verbal abuse toward any individual associated with the NVAA league.

With that, we would like to thank all our coaches and parents for allowing your children to participate in our league. We truly treasure their involvement and will do all we can do to allow them to learn and grow in a fun and safe atmosphere.

If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your league representative.

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