



# *Simi Valley Basketball*

*Play Hard, Play Smart, Play Together!*



## **2019/2020 Basketball Player and Parent Handbook**

Guidelines, rules and program expectations

Congratulations on being selected as a member of the Simi Valley High School Basketball Program. As a student-athlete in our program, you have distinguished yourself as a unique individual rather than just another face in the crowd. As a basketball player in this program it is important that you take pride in representing Simi Valley High School academically and athletically with character. This is a class program and only class individuals will be a part of it.

The purpose of this handbook is to help you become a better student-athlete, a better person, and to help you understand how you can become the best basketball player possible. This handbook will also serve as a guide for the rules and expectations of Simi Valley High School Basketball. The rules and expectations are being set so that each member of the program including players, managers, statisticians, and parents will have a clear understanding of program philosophy, in addition to the standard procedures, appropriate behavior, financial responsibilities and code of conduct. The rules and expectations will be set so that each individual and each member of the team will be able to work towards a common goal in a positive learning environment.





# Simi Valley High School Basketball Philosophy



## Each Player Shall:

1. **Demonstrate a Positive Attitude**

One of the five most important commandments shall be a positive attitude to every daily challenge. There will be no "I Cant's" or "We Cant's" within our program. Simply put, it will not be tolerated. Anything can be accomplished if one truly wants it. A positive mental approach will allow the staff and players to develop a positive learning environment, which will lead us down the road of success.

2. **Demonstrate a Strong Work-Ethic:**

The Second Commandment shall be hard work. The success of the program must rest on the ability of each participant, to make hard work their passion. Each student-athlete shall devote himself to reaching his full potential academically and athletically. A successful team is one that is comprised of players who believe in the importance of becoming the best and are willing to strive towards that objective. Beyond working hard, we will work smart. Our players will not allow distractions to interfere with our endeavors and we will be persistent, dedicated, and determined in our daily tasks.

3. **Demonstrate Positive Personal Character:**

The Third Commandment shall be personal character. Each student-athlete will work to become the best person possible. Each player will respect their teammates, take full responsibility for their actions, fix problems through positive communication, instead of fixing blame, discipline themselves so others won't have to, and establish good habits daily. Each player will be truthful and honest. In addition, we shall be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

4. **Be Unselfish:**

The Fourth Commandment shall be unselfishness. Each player will put the team before themselves. Successful programs are successful because individuals are able to sacrifice their individual aspirations and achievement for the good of the team. Each player shall live by the motto, "I am representing you and you are representing me." Each player in the program shall use the terms "our, we, us", instead of "me, my, and I."

5. **Be Loyal and Supportive To Their Teammates:**

The Fifth Commandment shall be loyalty and support. Each member of the team must be loyal to their teammates and must learn to support the group. Never allow yourself to get into a situation where you will break down the trust of your teammates or the staff. We must be able to trust each other, depend on each other, and learn to use communication within the group to problem solve. "For the strength of the pack is the wolf and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

6. **Beware on Social Media:**

Members of the Pioneer Basketball program are role models within the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year for as long as they are part of the program. Thus all of their actions reflect upon the program, school, and community. Players thus need to follow strict guidelines when using any social media sites (SoCal Hoops, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc). Players should never post pictures or comments that might reflect negatively upon the program, coaches, teammates, or the school. In addition players are prohibited from posting anything negative about opponents, opposing schools, opposing parents, etc. Any failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action and potential removal from the program.

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# Practice Procedures and Practice Conduct

Practice is an essential part of our program and because we have a limited amount of time to prepare, it is important that we use our time most efficiently. Simi Valley Basketball players will be tough, smart, unselfish, and fundamental. We will refine our skills through proper drilling, constant reinforcement, repetition, and competition. **Good teams and good players are the by-products of good practices.** The following is a summary of the guidelines that will govern our practices. Your adherence to these rules will directly determine the amount of success we have as a team and you have as an individual in the program.

## Five Practice Commandments of Pioneer Basketball Each Player Shall:

1. **Be Early For All Functions:**

Being “on time” is a bad habit! Each player needs to be early to better prepare for our endeavors. This time is provided for stretching, warm-up, counseling, taping, and information. If it is 6<sup>th</sup> period practice be ready to go at 1:55 PM. Game day 1 1/2 hour prior to game time unless specified differently by your coach. Spring/Summer/Fall League rule is 30 minutes prior to game time. Be early and you will be prepared!

2. **Wear Proper Practice Gear and Dress in the Locker Room.**

We dress in the locker room period. No exceptions! Do not show up in anything but issued and assigned practice gear. We are a team and a program that does things together. There will be no exceptions! No boxer shorts will be seen, no colored socks, no shirts under your gear that are not the same color as your practice or game issued gear, no earrings, no hats, no exceptions.

3. **Work Hard, Work Smart, and Be Coachable:**

During practice sessions, talking will be confined to asking questions of the coach, encouraging a teammate, or clarifying for understanding. Practice is a businesslike environment and there is no substitute for hard work. When practicing you are expected to conduct yourself as a professional would. Since practice time is limited, we must work hard and smart, not allowing any distractions. If you are not directly in a drill you are expected to stand with your teammates watching and listening to what is said. You are expected to give 100% effort each day and to perform to the best of your ability. Be coachable, watch, listen, learn, adjust, and contribute to the learning environment. No player will leave the gym into the wrestling room or foyer without permission from their coach, no exceptions. Distractions will not be tolerated as they disrupt the positive learning environment and will result in disciplinary action.

4. **Not Miss Practice Without Communication:**

Practice is vital to our success and your success. If you are going to miss a practice, you are required to communicate with your coach by making a phone call to his house or to the school at (805) 577-1400 or the PE Office at (805) 577-1458. We want to hear from you, not your parents, so that you learn to be responsible through communication. The only reason for missing a practice is illness, rehabilitation for injury, or serious family considerations. Schedule appointments around practice. If you are injured, you are still expected to attend practice. If you miss a conditioning day you are required to make it up unless injury does not permit it. **Consult the program website for practice times and locations daily as things do change due to unforeseen circumstances.**

5. **Accept Responsibility For His Actions:**

All players will have an understanding and knowledge of the rules and expectations. Players who violate the rules are choosing to be disciplined. When a violation of the SVHS Program Commandments, Practice Commandments, or rules and expectations occurs, the player understands that he must accept responsibility for his actions resulting in disciplinary action(s). Discipline will be set by the coaching staff and communicated to the player by the coaching staff. Players are responsible for communicating all disciplinary actions to their families.



# **SIMI VALLEY BASKETBALL**

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

It is the SVHS Basketball Program's hope that none of these consequences will have to be used however each player will shall know and understand that these actions will be used when necessary. Each of the following actions are not listed in any order but will apply consistently and will be based upon player actions. All student-athletes in the program must know that discipline is essential in facilitating a positive learning environment for all players in the program.

- **Warning For a Minor Offense or Conditioner.**
- **Removal From Practice.**
- **Limitations on Playing Time.**
- **Not Starting a Game or a Portion of a Game.**
- **Suspension From or For a Game(s).**
- **Suspension From the Team.**
- **Removal From the Team in Severe Cases.**
- **Adherence to the SVHS Athletic Code.**

### **Equipment Care**

The practice gear, warm-ups, uniforms, travel bags, and the basketball handbook are all issued to you as integral parts of the program at Simi Valley High School. It is essential that you take excellent care of your equipment through proper cleaning and security. You are responsible for it and will be required to pay for it if it is lost, stolen, or damaged. The program has inventoried the items. Never wear the gear for anything except for the event for which it is intended. See the guide for Uniform Care and Maintenance. After each game and each practice hang your gear up so it can air out. Do not allow gear to sit in a pile in your bag, as mildew will rot the fabrics away. Make the extra effort to care for the uniforms the right way. We have the best...we want to keep them looking the best! Being well dressed for practices and games is part of the pride we want to carry as a program.

### **Locker Room and Gym Care**

In holding to our basic philosophy, we believe everything should be done together and in the right manner. Keep the locker room and the gym as clean as possible. No food or drink is allowed in either and pick up after yourself. This pertains to the facility that we visit as well. Be a good, responsible, and caring person who represents the program in a positive manner.





# SIMI VALLEY BASKETBALL

## GAME DAY PROCEDURES



### 1. Arrival Time:

We always will arrive 1 1/2 hour prior to game time unless otherwise specified by a coach. Make sure you are early and prepared with all your gear before you arrive! In the gym you are to sit with your teammates in a group prior to the game and mentally prepare yourself for our game objectives. No player will sit by themselves or with anyone other than your teammates prior to games.

### 2. Dress Code:

All players are to wear what the team has decided to wear the day before, either Ties, SV Sweats, SV T-Shirts, SV Game day polos, etc. All shirts will be tucked in and no jewelry, or hats will be worn into the gym on game days, period!

### 3. Travel:

All players will travel on the team buses for all away league games unless other is specified. (Example Parents Driving). No Individual may drive another individual to an event per the school rules. If you come to an event on a bus, then you return home as a team on the bus. No player will leave a gym while on a road trip period!

No player will leave early to go home unless their individual parent signs them out and takes them home. No Exceptions! **Players should bring their homework to away games if they fear they will not have enough time to complete it when they get home.**

### 4. Bus Travel Rules:

- A. Players will remain in their seat!
- B. No food or drink will be permitted!
- C. Talking should be kept to a minimum!
- D. Players will sit in single seats when available.
- E. Statisticians and managers will sit in the front.
- F. Players will say thank you to the bus driver each time they exit the bus.

### 5. Handling of the Media:

No player will speak with the media unless a coach is present. After our games, we will enter the game room or locker room immediately without stopping to speak with reporters, the crowd, or other spectators. Reporters will be asked to come into the locker room after we are finished as a team. We are a team and we will finish our team business first then meet with our supporters. Never criticize your teammates, be humble in victory, and gracious in defeat. Never blame others for a loss and speak responsibly.

# **SIMI VALLEY BASKETBALL PLAYING TIME**

Regardless of being a starter or substitute, each player will spend a certain amount of time on the bench. There are several reasons and circumstances for substituting:

1. Rest Period
2. Change of Strategy
3. Correction of Mistake
4. Foul Trouble
5. Another Player Getting Chance
6. Give a Player who is Having a Poor Game a Chance to Regroup
7. Injury

Your actions coming out of the game and while not in the game can have an extremely positive or negative effect on your teammates. It is your responsibility as a member of our program to support and encourage all players involved in the actual game. We want players who are genuinely concerned about the welfare of their teammates. Do not be the type of person who is only involved when he is playing in the game. There will be no tolerance for acts of selfishness! Poor body language, a poor attitude, and lack of enthusiasm will not be tolerated and are in violation of our code of conduct.

## **Bench Conduct:**

1. **Verbally encourage and support your teammates.**
2. **Say nothing to the opponents.**
3. **Pay attention to the game, not the crowd.**
4. **Prepare yourself to enter or re-enter the game.**
5. **Horseplay or playing to the crowd will not be tolerated.**
6. **When taken out, give your substitute his assignment.**
7. **Hustle on, Hustle off!**
8. **Wait for the Official to waive you on from the scorers' table.**
9. **Never make any comment to an official.**
10. **During a timeout, gather around the players and the coach. At no time, during a timeout, should a player be seated by himself or in a small group while the rest are listening to the coach. Listen to what's going on in the huddle and stay out of the crowd.**
11. **When you come out of the game, you sit next to the coach.**



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# PERSONAL APPEARANCE

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Hair should not interfere with your ability to perform on the court. Our basic rule is that hair should never fall into your eyes and that it should never grow beyond your collar. No facial hair is allowed. This is one of the sacrifices each player must make. We will not ask you to cut off anything that will not grow back.



## OUT OF TOWN TRAVEL CODE OF CONDUCT



In keeping with our program philosophy, the SVHS Basketball Program will have expectations and code of conduct relating to travel. For each road trip we take to another site to play, the program expects you to follow established Game Day Procedures. In addition to our league contests, we will travel to tournaments in the preseason and the program expects you to demonstrate the Third Commandment of our philosophy, which is Positive Personal Character. Each player should be aware of the following Out of Town Travel Conduct Rules:

1. **All Game Day Procedures Apply.**
2. **Never Compromise The Program's Integrity.**  
Each player should know and understand that we are traveling for a purpose. That purpose is to play basketball and to enjoy the privilege of traveling to play. Each player is to act responsibly and will never compromise personal integrity or that of your family, teammates, the school, or the basketball program.
3. **Follow Specific Rules Established For the Site.**  
Depending upon where the team is traveling to, each player should be respectful and should act responsibly, demonstrate maturity, and understand that program expectations shall govern our travel.
4. **Room Rules, Bed Check, and Curfew.**  
For each road trip, the coaches will establish room rules, bed check, and curfew depending on game and/or practice times on the road. The rooms should be left in the same way they were when we arrived. Each player should adhere to these specific rules and if not you will accept responsibility for your actions and will be choosing to be disciplined.
5. **Traveling is a Privilege and can be taken away!**  
Most of the tournaments that we travel to are by invitation. We want to enjoy the experience and have the opportunity to travel again so it is important that we demonstrate respect.

## Builders and Wreckers

I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.  
With a ho, heave, ho and a lusty yell  
They swung a beam and a wall fell.

I asked the foreman, “Are these men skilled?  
Like the men you’d hire if you had to build?”  
He laughed as he replied, “No, indeed,  
Just common labor is all I need.

I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What builders have taken years to do.”  
I asked myself as I went away  
Which of these roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by rule and square?  
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town  
Content with the labor of tearing down?

Why do so many of us find it gratifying to be sideline cynics smothering ideas in a relentless barrage of “what ifs” and warnings? As the poem points out, it’s much easier to be a wrecker than a builder.

Of course it’s wise and necessary to challenge assumptions, test theories and predict problems, but that should be the beginning not an end. We should measure our value by the number balloons we helped launch, not the number we deflated.

A builder sees problems as challenges and seeks solutions; a dismantler sees problems in every solution. A builder sees flaws and tries to fix them; a dismantler sees flaws in every fix.

**We need more builders!**



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# CONDUCT OF PARENTS

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Parents are to act as role models and advocates for their child.

Parents are expected to aide their student/athlete in their growth as player and person.

Parents are expected to treat players, coaches, administrators, and opposing schools players and fans with dignity and respect. ALL comments in the stands, around the community, on the internet, etc must be of a positive nature. Any violation of these expectations can result in removal from athletic events and from the program.

Open lines of communication between the coaching staff and parents will be maintained. However certain decisions like playing time or roster decisions may not always be agreed upon. Parents agree that these decisions are not to be questioned. Verbal or physical challenging of a coaches decisions will not be tolerated. Parents should follow the complaint procedure.

## **CONCERNS & PROCEDURES**

- Have the student/athlete communicate with the coaching staff.
- Request a parent conference with the coach to discuss an issue outside of playtime, roster decisions, etc.
- If there is still further discussion needed contact the Athletic Department and request a conference.



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## BOX OUT BOOSTERS

The Box Out Booster Club is the organization for the Basketball Program and is comprised of parents of players and other members of the community. The Booster Club is dedicated to fundraising of monies for the sole purpose of aiding in the support of the Simi Valley High Basketball Program on all of its levels. The Booster Club is not a membership club. It is a non-profit organization which complements the Basketball Program and works on activities such as fundraising, the Annual Press Guide, Senior Night, award banquets, and the numerous player and family activities held throughout the year. The Booster Club raises nearly all the funds required to manage the Basketball Program.

**The participation of every family is needed to make the Basketball Program a success. Each family is required to get involved with the Booster Club's fundraising efforts and participate as a parent volunteer.**

Unfortunately, it is not enough to support the team simply by cheering at the games. Without active participation and financial support, from all of our Pioneer Families and the local community, it is impossible to run this Program. The Booster Club works year round to support the Program. Any parent is welcome to become involved on the Board. There are many jobs to do and many ways you can help make a difference in the Program and show support for your player. Parents are welcome to attend Booster Club meetings, held during basketball season (October through February). Meetings are held on a less frequent basis but not less than monthly during the remainder of the year. The meetings are very informative. Participation is a great way to support your player, make new friends and make an important contribution. Each team has parent Team Representatives. These parents play a major role in keeping families informed of activities during the year. Varsity Team Rep: TBD Sophomore Team Rep: TBD  
Freshman Team Rep: TBD. Your cooperation in responding when they call is absolutely necessary. Their work will be more successful if they can count on every family being responsive. If you have an interest in working with the Parent Volunteers, or just want to know more about it, please call any of the Parent Volunteers listed in this Handbook.



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# FUNDRAISING

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Since basketball does not receive any of the door fees, it must raise money through variety of fundraisers throughout the year. Just as fees and fundraisers are needed to run other youth sports programs (e.g., Vikings, Patriots, Grace Football, youth baseball, soccer), Simi High must be largely self supported.

The costs paid at the beginning of the season(outlined in this handbook); do not cover many of the expenses that are needed to insure the safety of the players. Therefore, we must look to our own Pioneer Family to raise the funds required to operate the program. The Basketball Program depends, almost entirely, on donations and fundraisers. For the Basketball Program, we need the participation and generosity of families, friends, and businesses in the community. It is our strong desire that every family will be involved to advance the goals of the program.

**EACH PLAYER** has a fundraising commitment of \$950 per player for the 2019/2020 basketball season. This monetary commitment is in addition to the school and equipment costs (outlined in this handbook). Although we recognize this cost seems high, it is not unlike other sports (such as baseball and football). **The monetary commitment can be attained by full participation in the fundraising events planned for the 2019/2020 season.** In an effort to make each fundraising event a success, it requires each player to participate in our mandatory fundraisers with some fillers to help reach their goals.

Note: No student athlete will be denied the opportunity to play basketball due to financial need. There are work programs and a very active Parent Volunteer program to help students earn the money needed for athletic fees. If there are financial concerns, you are urged to call contact head coach, Ryan Bradshaw at [Bradshawsvhs@aol.com](mailto:Bradshawsvhs@aol.com) or Booster President, Michelle Cunningham [boxoutboosters@gmail.com](mailto:boxoutboosters@gmail.com)



**The following are a list of 2019/2020 fundraisers  
(more may be added throughout the year)**

## **Basketball Press Guides**

(Mandatory)

The Simi Valley High Basketball Press Guide is sold at each home game and at the Alumni game. Among other things, it contains information about the teams, the players, coaches and alumni records. This is one of our biggest fundraisers.

Each player is required to sell ads for inclusion in the Press Guide. The ads may be corporate, business or personal. You can take a look at one of the Press Guides from the past to get an idea of the types of ads that are needed.

Press Guide can be obtained from the website or Team Parent Representative.

**THE DEADLINE FOR TURNING ADS INTO THE TEAM PARENT REPRESENTATIVE IS OCTOBER 31, 2019.**

Players should start soliciting ads sales immediately.

To underscore the importance of the media guide sales campaign, the player who gets their forms in prior to the deadline will be given incentives distributed at the respective levels.

If you need information on this campaign, contact [boxoutboosters@gmail.com](mailto:boxoutboosters@gmail.com)

### **Free Throw-a-Thon**

All Simi High Basketball players will be participating in a Free Throw-A-Thon fundraiser, date to be determined. Players will collect sponsorships for each free throw made out of 100. Packets and more detailed information will be handed out during our annual Luau night meeting. Money raised will count toward your fundraising commitment.

### **RESTAURANT NIGHTS**

We will have restaurant fundraising nights throughout the year.

### **POPCORNOPOLIS**

We will have Popcornopolis fundraiser starting in October. Proceeds will go towards your fundraising goal.



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## Other Easy Fundraisers

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### eScrip

eScrip is proven to be a fantastic resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit cards and debit/ATM card purchases to the Simi High Basketball Program. You simply need to register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program. To register, follow the instructions below:

1. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. Click on "sign up"
3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery (Vons, Albertsons, Ralphs), department store (Macys) and your credit/debit cards.
4. Our group name is: Simi High School Basketball.
5. Our group number is: 500043764

You can register one or all of your cards, it's up to you! If you are already participating in eScrip, you can add the basketball team to your recipient list or switch recipients for the season.

Each player will be required to sign up five (5) card numbers. Solicit family and friends to meet your requirement.

### Amazonsmile

Many of us use Amazon for most of our online ordering. Simply go to Amazonsmile look up Box Out Boosters. They will donate a percentage automatically to us. SIGN UP TODAY!!!



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# SNACK BAR

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Since the workforce for the concession stand is volunteer driven, it is **mandatory** that every family volunteer to work at least three home games.

**To ensure we receive 100% participation, EVERY family will provide a \$125 deposit, payable by check at the parent meeting, as a commitment to work in the snack bar during three home games. This deposit will be returned after the family has completed their three game requirement. If you wish to forfeit this deposit in lieu of working, please notify the Snack Bar Volunteer Coordinator so they can replace you.**

The Snack Bar Coordinator will arrange the work schedule for the season. Typically, Freshman parents work Sophomore and/or Varsity games. Sophomore parents work a Freshman or Varsity game and Varsity parents work a Freshman or Sophomore game.

It is important that each family commit to a time, and be certain to keep that commitment. Snack Bar Volunteer Forms will be available at the information meeting. The earlier you sign up, the more likely you will get a time which is most convenient for you. If parents forget to sign up, a work assignment will be arranged by the Booster Club.

Periodically, the Booster Club will solicit parents for water, Gatorade and soda donations throughout the season. Each family is asked to donate at least two or more case(s) of the requested beverages to help supply the snack bar. This beverage drive helps to offset the initial costs of setting up the snack bar prior to the season opening.

If you need information on volunteers contact the Snack Bar Volunteer Coordinator, \_\_\_\_\_ For other snack bar related information, contact the Snack Bar Manager, \_\_\_\_\_





# Summary of Costs for the 2019/2020 Basketball Season



EXPENSE	TOTAL AMOUNT	DUE DATE	WHO DO I PAY?
ASB CARD	\$60.00	OCTOBER 31, 2019	ASB OFFICE
TRANSPORTATION	Included when \$950.00 goal met.	OCTOBER 31, 2019	
SNACK BAR VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT	\$125.00	OCTOBER 15, 2019	BOOSTER CLUB
FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT TOWARDS SPIRIT PACK	\$950	OCTOBER 31, 2019	BOOSTER CLUB

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## TRANSPORTATION

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Team buses will transport all team members (i.e. players, trainers, and coaches) to and from all away league games. Players **MUST** travel on the team bus, unless excused, in writing, by the Athletic Director.

As noted in the school expense section, the cost of transportation for each player is estimated to be \$100.00 which will be paid to SVHS ASB by Boosters when \$950.00 goal is met.

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## Spirit Pack

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In the interest of looking professional and cohesive, we urge each player to purchase a spirit pack. It includes several clothing items and covers the rental cost for game uniform. Payment for the spirit pack is due at orientation. **The spirit pack can be completely free by full participation in the fundraising events planned for the 2019/2020 season.**

Shoes: Basketball shoes must be worn at ALL practices and games. Basketball shoes are not provided by basketball program, it is players responsibility.

Coach will discuss additional items needed for players.

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## COACHING STAFF

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Varsity Head Coach.....Ryan Bradshaw

Varsity Assistant.....Dean Bradshaw

JV Coach.....Tyler Meek

Frosh/Soph Coach.....

Assistant Coach.....Rod MacLean

Athletic Director.....Joelle Cardona

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## 2019/2020 Booster Committees and Chairs

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President..... Michelle Cunningham

Vice President.....Jennifer Hamilton

Vice President Fundraising.....Shawntelle Kvale

Secretary.....Kelly Page

Treasurer.....Sylvia Tomlinson

Auditor.....Jennifer Holland



# PARENT/PLAYER HANDBOOK SIGNATURE FORM

Please go over the **player handbook** with your child and keep the parent handbook handy for your reference.

**We ask that you return this form to the coaches by June 30th, or at the parent meeting.**

We have read and understand the guidelines, rules and expectations as outlined in the **player handbook** as well as financial responsibilities.

**Player Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** **Date**

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** **Date**

We have read and understand the **Practice Procedures and Practice Conduct** found in the player handbook.

**Player Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** **Date**

**Parent/Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Print name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** **Date**

# Pioneer Basketball Tryout and Cut Procedures

## Tryouts for new players:

Basketball is a sport that can only keep a limited number of players on each team. Due to this fact, basketball must make cuts to stay within roster limits, unlike other sports. Tryouts for new players are held at 2 different times during the calendar year. The first Saturday after the last day of school in June, and once more within the 1<sup>st</sup> 2-3 weeks of the new school year. An additional tryout date may be added in June or the Fall if necessary. These tryouts will be run and monitored by members of the Coaching staff and other volunteers. All decisions will be made by the coaching staff. In order to tryout players must have completed all of the necessary Athletic Department forms (including current physical and insurance information). All athletes interested in trying out must have read this form with their parents and return the bottom portion signed by the date of the first tryout. Players invited to join the summer conditioning workouts and/or be enrolled in the Fall 6<sup>th</sup> period basketball conditioning class may still face additional cuts all the way up to the start of the season in November.

**Tryouts for Fall Sport Athletes:** Players in the program are encouraged to play other sports to improve as student-athletes. Fall sport athletes are not able to participate in the Fall conditioning class. Thus they will be given an additional tryout date as soon as their Fall sport season is done.

**Cuts:** In an effort to build the strongest Pioneer basketball program possible, cuts will be made all the way up to the very beginning of the basketball season. Every player in the program will be subject to cuts, even returning players. This will create a culture of competition and full participation by all the players who want to be part of Pioneer Basketball at Simi Valley High School.

**Explanation of cuts:** Cuts are an unfortunate part of any successful program, especially those sports that have limited rosters. These are the most difficult decisions the coaching staff will have to make and the worst part of a coach's job. Student Athletes have the right to ask the coaching staff for the specific reasons why they were cut and what areas they need to work on to avoid this happening in the future. However coaches, student athletes and parents agree that cuts happen for a variety of reasons and will support the decisions of the coaching staff as they work to build a successful Pioneer Basketball program.

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We have read and understand the SVHS Pioneer Basketball Program tryout and cut procedures outlined in this document. We, the student athlete and parent, agree to support this procedure and the final decision of the coaching staff, as outlined above.

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Student/Athlete (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student/Athlete Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date