All players who are members of the PVMS understand playing boys basketball demands tremendous commitment and dedication to the game and their team. Likewise, parents make great commitment and sacrifice for their sons to play with the team. Playing for the Colts is a privilege not a right. As PVMS players and parents, we understand and agree to follow the contract:

**Player Responsibilities**
1. All players will treat officials and opponents with dignity and respect.
2. All players, regardless of ability and/or playing time are equal members of the team. Each and every player will treat all teammates with acceptance, respect, and friendship.
3. All players will provide maximum effort in practice and games.
4. Attendance at all practices, team meetings, and games is mandatory. While injured players may be unable to play, they are still expected to arrive on time, listen to coaches, and encourage teammates and assist the team.
5. In very rare situations, players may be excused from games and/or practices. When this occurs, players are responsible for informing the coach verbally through a phone call or meeting at the earliest possible time.
6. When players miss practices and/or games, playing time in future games may be affected.
7. Unexcused absences are absences in which the coach was not informed in the manner described above. And/or the reason was for the absence is not satisfactory. An unexcused absence from practice and/or game may result in reduced playing time or other consequences as deemed appropriate.
8. Players are to be on time for all practices and games. Tardiness may affect playing time in games.
9. Players are expected to directly seek understanding and resolution when questions or problems arise with coaches and teammates.
10. Players will conduct their personal lives in a manner that brings honor to themselves and the team. This in includes school performances, self-respect, healthy behaviors and social responsibility.
11. Players will participate in the raising of monies needed to sustain the needs of the basketball program, regardless of the amount of playing of time given.
**Parent Responsibilities**

1. Parents will treat players, coaches, opponents, and officials with respect and dignity.
2. All comments by parents and their guests from the sidelines will be encouraging and/or complimentary. Parents and guests will refrain from making comments about players’ mistakes or errors.
3. Parents will refrain from making derogatory comments to referees at any time.
4. Coaching basketball is to be done only by coaches on staff. Parents agree to refrain from coaching or directing their child or other players during all games and practices.
5. Parents will discuss player and/or team concerns and problems directly with the Head Coach. These discussions will not take place right before or after a game. A meeting will be scheduled with the Head Coach to address any issue or concern. If any issue/concern is unresolved, the parent may then bring to the attention of the school’s Athletic Director. During the meeting, playing time and comparisons to other players will not be discussed. Remember, it is not the five best players. It is the five players that work together the best!
6. Parents will make sure their son attends all practices and will be on time.
7. Parents will support coaches and encourage their athlete to do the same.
8. If your son is going to be tardy or absent to school for ANY reason the parent/guardian MUST contact the middle school office by 8:30 am in order to be excused and participate in practice or a match on that specific day.

**Coaching Responsibilities**

1. Coaches are responsible to abide by the rules of conduct embodied in the spirit of this document.
2. Coaches will balance individual growth, social development, and the acquisition of basketball knowledge and skills in working with individual players and the team as a whole.
3. Coaches will train players to play with good sportsmanship and to abide by the rules of the game.
4. Coaches will promote a positive atmosphere in all PVMS basketball activities.
5. Coaches will devote the time and skill necessary for the good of the team.
6. Coaches will push and challenge each player in the program to be the best they can be!
7. The coaching staff’s main goal is to get each player to play to their full potential and put each player in a position to help the team to be successful.
8. Coaches will treat players, parents, officials, and opponents with respect.
9. Coaches will maintain an open-line of communication with their parents and players.

**PRACTICE PROTOCOL:**

1. All teams practices are from 3:15-5:15 PM Monday through Friday. There will be times when our teams may get out earlier or a day off based on team performance or other activities.
2. Players will come dressed in the appropriate basketball attire such as shorts, shoes, shirts, etc.
3. No jewelry on while at practice or game.
4. Players will be expected to help with any setup, take down or cleanup.
5. All practices are mandatory.
6. If a player is going to be tardy or absent to school for ANY reason the parent/guardian MUST contact the middle school office by 8:30am in order to be excused and participate in practice or a match on that specific day. If you fail to do so, it will be classified as an unexcused absence.

7. A player is only allowed 3 unexcused absences for the season. If a player exceeds this limit, they will be suspended or removed from the team.

GAME DAY PROTOCOL:
1. ALL matches are deemed mandatory. Please contact the coach if you are going to be absent. We will need a written note from your parent regarding this absence.
2. If a player is going to be tardy or absent to school for ANY reason the parent/guardian MUST contact the middle school office by 8:30am in order to be excused and participate in practice or a match on that specific day. If you fail to do so, it will be classified as an unexcused absence.
3. All players will dress nice on the day of our games. No shorts, jeans, or tee-shirts. Dress pants and dress shirts are highly encouraged.
4. Teams that are traveling will be released from school early that day. Players are expected to hustle down to the locker room and get dressed out ASAP! When the bus is scheduled to leave, it will leave with or without you.
5. All players will ride to the game unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the head coach.
6. Players will stay for both games and will support each other. Players must sit together and not with fans or their parents.
5. There will be a sign out sheet for all away games. A player may be signed out by his parents/guardian or leave with another adult if they have a note from their parents and the other adult signs the sign out sheet.

PLAYING TIME:
Playing time is based on effort and ability shown in practice as well as attending practices and maintaining good academic standing. Every attempt will be made to get player playing time that will contribute to the success of the team; however, this is a non-equal playing environment. Players who are concerned with playing time need to speak with the coaches.

BUS BEHAVIOR:
1. Players should be respectful, responsible, and cooperative while riding on the bus.
2. Noise should be kept to a minimum…as you should be focusing on the game.
3. Player should remain in the same seat and seated during the ride.
4. All garbage must be picked up before leaving the bus.

UNIFORMS:
1. Uniforms are to be kept clean and washed after every game. You should wash them on cold and a gentle cycle and then hang them to dry. DO NOT PUT IN THE DRYER!
2. The uniform is assigned to the player only; therefore, the player is the only one to be wearing it and is responsible for it and its components. If the uniform is damaged or misplaced the player/parent will be expected to pay any replacement.