

The Alameda Vipers Basketball Club is based in the City of Alameda in Alameda County, CA . Alameda Vipers was founded in 2010, is affiliated with the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), Team U.S.A. Youth Development and the Jr. NBA. The club fields girls and boys teams in grades 2 to 12. The Vipers Club operates year-round and for 2023-24 the club separates the 12-month calendar into 4 seasons. Alameda Vipers is registered a non-profit, 501(c) 3\*. The goal of the Vipers organization is to create a foundation for our players to develop their individual skills within the structure of team basketball.

Alameda Vipers Players & Alumni are thriving on area High School Teams: Alameda High School, Encinal High School, St Joe Notre Dame High School, Salesian High School, Head Royce High School, Bishop O’Dowd High School, San Leandro High School, Arroyo High School, Piedmont High School, McClymonds High School, De LaSalle High School, Pacific Christian (So. Cal). College players at Stanford, Holy Names, Pepperdine, St Mary’s, College of Alameda, Lewis & Clark, Albany Medical College,

The club is made up of coaches and players who are members of the National AAU (Amateur Athletic Union). While operating year-round, the goal of the Vipers organization is to create a foundation for our players to development their individual skills within a structure of team basketball. The club is based in Northern California operating out of the City of Alameda

**Our Club Philosophy is.....**

“Developing young athletes to play as a team, practice diligently as a team, play hard as a team, win with dignity as a team, and lose gracefully as a team” “No individual player is more valuable than the team as a whole”

**Non-Profit Club**

Alameda Vipers are a registered 501(3)(c) Non-Profit, competitive and developmental basketball program that focuses on coaching and teaching to advanced skills, learn sportsmanship, through hard work and the love of the game of basketball. The instruction regimen includes practice sessions, training sessions, scrimmages, and tournament games. Alameda Vipers are based in Alameda, CA. Club website: [www.alamedavipers.com](http://www.alamedavipers.com)

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**Team As Community**

The team is built around a “community” concept. Parents are asked to be active participants in non-coaching team activities. For instance, setup carpool schedules that help share the burden of transporting player, parents and fans to-and-from games and practices. Participation of parents is a requirement of team membership. Parents are expected to focus on the primary part of our agenda that supports our coaches as they teach basketball in a team environment, and de-emphasize the importance of “just winning”. Education and skills development are our primary goal.

**Financial and Participatory Commitment**

Parents are responsible for covering the cost of their child’s participation in the program. We welcome any assistance in obtaining sponsors for the teams and the club to help subsidize any operational or tournament costs. If the team secures donations or a sponsor 100% of the proceeds go to the team for use in reducing fees, additional scholarships, uniforms, or team event. Vipers (starting Fall 2023) requirement fee payments in before participation in games.

**Seasonal Fees**

Club membership dues provide enough funds to cover the estimated expenses for the individual team starting each season. The club membership dues are credited towards the financial commitment. Players who are not current with dues will not be allowed to participate in practices and games, and may forfeit their spot on the team roster. Limited Payment arrangements are available. Sponsorships are allocated and funded by each team. Head Coach designates the use of the scholarships for the team. Fees are based on the individual teams number of tournaments and players on the team. Fees pay for gym rentals for practices, tournament entry fees, coaches stipends and club overhead (insurance). Fee does not include purchase of a game uniform (top and shorts) and practice jersey; and AAU annual membership dues (Sept - Aug each year). Vipers AAU Club Membership Code will be provided before September 5<sup>th</sup> when registering for AAU.

### **Sponsorships**

Our team is a 501(3)c non-profit organization. Having non-profit status allows us to solicit local businesses and organizations to obtain tax deductible donations to manage and run the team. Sponsorship money will be directly credited towards individual players financial commitment.

### **Practices**

The teams conduct practices in order to teach skills and keep players in condition to play the sport of basketball. The number of practices varies by team and age group, as well as by the time of year. Players must attend practices to earn playing time. Missing practice equates to losing playing time. The coaches provide guidance to help the players learn through drills the skills needed but players and parents must commit to practice in their spare time. The players are taught how to play as a team.

### **Competition**

The teams will participate in scrimmages, tournaments, leagues, clinics and other events in order to provide a forum in which players can apply the skills they've learned and participate in a competitive environment. Our goal is to be competitive, set goals, and improve each game. The team management will work hard to find compatible / competitive teams with which we can scrimmage and play games. Team Head Coach will name the tournament weekends in advance – early in the season. Tournaments are typically 3 games on 1 or 2 days (Sat & Sun)

Schedules and location for tournaments are not completed by the AAU tournament directors until the Thursday before the tournament weekend. Adult admission to the tournaments is \$12-\$15 on average for each day of the tournament.

### **Communications**

Most communications parents receive will be from the Head Coach or Team Manager. Team Snap and email is the standard form of communication for the Alameda Vipers Club. Parents are expected to communicate to the Head Coach or Team Parent a player's availability in advance as requested for all games and practices. Practice attendance is expected and communication of absence by exception and in advance is required.

Alameda Vipers Club will contact parents of players on a very limited basis as is needed to conduct the business of the club. Additional information and updates are provided on the club website at [www.alamedavipers.com](http://www.alamedavipers.com)

### **Other Programs**

Alameda Vipers along with Maximum Skills Academy conduct camps during the Summer months and during school Holidays. In addition to the camps, Vipers has a Jr. Hoops program uses adaptive equipment and techniques and is designed for ages 4-7 years old. See the website: [www.alamedavipers.com](http://www.alamedavipers.com) JR HOOPS and CAMPS & EVENTS

### **Trainings**

Alameda Vipers believes in good fundamental training and makes training options available for teams and individual players. Vipers provide skills training for players looking for more time on their skills. Parents pay the trainers directly for these trainings. We also work with area trainers to provided training opportunities for those players interested in more focus on the game. See the website: [www.alamedavipers.com](http://www.alamedavipers.com) SKILLS TRAINING

### **Online Store**

In collaboration with All Good Living – Alameda Vipers has an online store for ordering all uniforms and Viper gear. See the website: [www.alamedavipers.com](http://www.alamedavipers.com) TEAM STORE

### **Board Members & Directors**

Alameda Vipers Club Board of Directors – contact information is maintained on the club website [www.alamedavipers.com](http://www.alamedavipers.com)

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