

## Veterans Court (VC) Participation Rules

### 1. Participant must not use or possess any drugs or alcohol

- You may not use or possess any legal and/or illegal drugs and/or alcohol (in any form).
- You are prohibited from using/possessing prescription drugs/medications unless authorized by a clinical treatment plan.
- You will submit to mandatory random substance abuse testing. Failure to adhere can lead to sanction or termination from the program.
- **Monitored Medications:** All prescribed psychotropic/clinical therapeutic medications will be monitored for treatment compliance.

### 2. Treatment/Case Plan Compliance

- A treatment/case plan will be developed based on therapeutic, pro-social, and case specific needs. Each plan will be individually tailored to support positive outcomes. The participant entering this program agrees to actively abide by and follow their case plan. In some instances case plan modification could occur to address previously unidentified risks or expansion of goals. The participant must understand that the court may order additional conditions and/or treatment based on the need for modification.

### 3. Participants must report to Veterans Court as directed by the Judge and/or Veteran Court Staff

- Attendance is mandatory; be on Time for scheduled court or meetings with Veteran Court Staff.
- Failure to report for scheduled court could lead to FTA and/or sanction.
- Contact the Veterans Court (VC) and assigned probation officer if there is emergency that would conflict with appearing in court.

### 4. Participants must report to Probation Officer as directed

- You must report to an assigned probation officer (PO) or other supervising officer as directed by the court.
- Failure to report may result in the filing of the Violation of Probation and subsequent sanctions.

### 5. Participants must report to Veterans Court (VC) as directed

- You will meet with the VC weekly based on scheduled appointments.
- Failure to report and/or reschedule without reasonable basis could lead to subsequent sanctions.

### 6. Participants must attend all treatment sessions

- This includes individual and group counseling sessions, mental health appointments, educational sessions, 12-step meetings, Veterans medical and/or mental health services appointment, appointments with veteran mentors and Veteran events.

### 7. No threats toward other participants or staff or violent behavior

- Participants who threaten harm of any kind or display any violent or aggressive behavior (verbal and/or physical) toward any other participant or staff member may be grounds for immediate termination from the VC program.

### 8. New criminal arrests/offenses

- Any new arrests and or criminal traffic citations could result in termination from VC.

### 9. Dress appropriate for court and other VC/VA related appointments

- You will be expected to wear presentable and appropriate attire for court and appointments. Maintaining a high standard of personal appearance to include hygiene is recommended for inside and outside of court. For court appearances the wear of button down shirts and dress pants (plain blue jeans) with closed toe shoes for men and appropriate shirt/blouse, pants, dress, or skirt for women. Skirts and dresses worn should be of appropriate length and

midriff shirts are not allowed. At no time will the wear of clothing bearing drug/alcohol related themes or advertising be condoned.

10. Mindfulness and Respect of others

- You are expected to recall military decorum and bearing. This includes adhering to policy and practices of facilities and establishments. You will also be considerate and respectful of others in the community we all share.

11. Participation in employment/educational/vocational programs

- There will be an expectation of veterans to develop and sustain a level of self-sufficiency. The ability to sustain one's self is important to positive treatment progress and reinforcement of pro-social behavior. The participant will actively pursue and engage in programs that will assist with obtaining a level of self-sufficiency and/or reliance. The level of treatment and the participant involved will determine the degree of the participants' engagement.