

**SPORT
VOLLEYBALL**



**BETTER INGREDIENTS.
BETTER PLAYERS.**

2011 PLAYER / PARENT HANDBOOK

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EXPECTATIONS

Coaches are expected to prepare for each practice and tournament, be on time, and enthusiastically advocate each player's complete development. Coaches are expected to minimize downtime and maximize productivity in practices.

Players are expected to be full participants in the program, and willingly and trustingly cooperate in the practice and competition plans prescribed by their coaches. Players are expected to be on time to all functions and prepared to train and compete. Players will give their coaches early notification if they are not able to attend a function. Early notification is the first opportunity that the player can create to communicate with their coach.

Parents are expected to support their daughter and the club by completing the triple partnership between the player, parent, and coach. Parents, along with each club member, are expected to follow the communication plan to help ensure a positive experience for all players on each team. In most cases a player is predominately, if not completely, dependent on a parent for travel, financial support, and emotional support throughout the season. Parents can help their player develop by enabling them to fully participate in the expectations of the club.

FEE SCHEDULE

Timely reconciliation of club fees is necessary for the operation of the club. Club expenses are burdened at the beginning of the season (equipment, tournament registration, etc.), and the fee payment schedule is established in the same manner.

If a player is not current with their financial obligation to the club, they will not be allowed to continue participating in any club function, especially practices, until all outstanding fees are reconciled.



COMMUNICATION PLAN

Players should check the SportVolleyball website on a weekly basis for information concerning club activities. Coaches will call their players with any immediately necessary information, such as modifications to the published practice schedule or changes to a tournament.

Players should communicate any issues they encounter throughout the season directly with their coach. The coach will work with club administration to coordinate any special accommodations including travel, meals at tournaments, etc if necessary.

Any matters of playing time, position, teaching philosophy, or other judgments that coaches are entrusted with can be addressed outside of scheduled practice time and tournaments. A coach's obligation to a tournament begins when they depart for the tournament and ends when they have returned home.

If a player has any questions about coaching decisions, they should address the coach first. It is okay to request that another staff member (not a coach of that team) be present if the player is uncomfortable meeting with the coach directly. If there is still a question that needs to be addressed, the player is encouraged to call the Director to schedule a meeting with all needed parties. Scheduled meetings are important for players, parents and coaches. A predetermined time to meet reduces the chance that the meeting will be emotionally charged and helps ensure a constructive resolution.

SPORTVOLLEYBALL DESIGNS

All team logos, website design, and other creations are the intellectual property of *will wood studios*. SportVolleyball can reproduce all designs at the request of players and parents. All Club logos, designs, and artwork are published trademarks of SportVolleyball, Inc. Unauthorized reproduction or use of SportVolleyball artwork will be settled through any and all appropriate legal remedy.



TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Tournaments can be one or two-day formats. All tournaments will consist of pool play (a round-robin style competition) and bracket play (elimination play seeded from pool play results). Tournaments may have morning or afternoon start times.

Coaches will determine when players should arrive at the competition site. All players and staff will remain on site until the team has completed its competition and referee duties for the day.

Teams will have officiating duties throughout the day. This may include officiating after the last match of the day. All players will stay at the competition site, at the court, regardless of what their officiating assignment is. Coaches will make all officiating assignments.

USAV tournaments are dynamic by nature. Venues can change, or pool play schedules can be adjusted the week before the tournament starts. Most tournaments do not post specific information about their start times or play schedule until the week of the tournament.

PRACTICES / UNIFORMS

Players will receive practice T-shirts. Any volleyball shoes, shorts, and socks are acceptable for practice, but the SportVolleyball practice shirt is mandatory. SportVolleyball gear must be worn during all SportVolleyball functions as well, including tournaments. A player may warm-up at a tournament with an officially licensed T-shirt of their college/university once they have committed to that school.

While practices are open, the gym floor and equipment is restricted to participants registered with SportVolleyball. While we appreciate help during a practice (ball management, putting up the net) we ask that parents check with the coach first. Each coach is responsible for managing the safety of their court, and may have a specific request.

The club will issue each player a jersey. Uniforms will consist of your jersey (provided by the club), any court shoes you prefer, compression shorts, socks (long), and kneepads.

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SPORTVOLLEYBALL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide both a quality on-court and off-court volleyball experience. When on the court, the coaching and administrative staff are tasked with providing technical skill training while educating players about the game. When off the court, our purpose is to provide creative and challenging opportunities for growth.

Our tag line is, "Better Ingredients, Better Players". This crystallizes the emphasis that SportVolleyball places on player development. Complete development includes not just court skills, but leadership, communication, performance under duress, confidence, and decision making. While each of these components is learned differently by different players, volleyball is the medium that we use to teach and develop these characteristics in all of us (me too).

Welcome to SportVolleyball,

Scott Dillingham

