



NORTHERN FAUQUIER VOLLEYBALL CLUB

2018 – 2019 NFVBC PLAYER / PARENT AGREEMENT

Northern Fauquier Volleyball Club strives for producing well-trained, respectful, knowledgeable athletes and highly competitive teams. We foster an environment in which our athletes receive positive instruction, experience challenging competition, and learn valuable life skills, including commitment, collaboration, adaptability, interpersonal communication, leadership, individual and team contributions, and sportsmanship--all of which will help them beyond the volleyball court.

Keep It Positive – Please support all members of the team and help NFVBC demonstrate what good sportsmanship is all about.

In order to ensure the best experience for all involved, all club members, family members, and club staff must work together. In order to have such an atmosphere:

- When watching practices or tournaments please keep ALL comments positive. Even what may seem to some as constructive criticism or frank observations may not be viewed in the same way by others. Although coaches ask players to keep their focus on the game or practice at hand, players are also acutely aware of their parents' body language. Please be aware that outward displays of frustration can negatively affect players.
- Please do NOT coach the players. Whether it is your own player or some other player, they will be receiving plenty of specific positioning, system strategies, and touch rules from their coach(es).
- Please do NOT yell at or address the referees. Mistakes in terms of officiating will occur. It's a fact. If there is a call that the coach feels needs to be addressed, he/she will do so. Do NOT approach referees after the game either.
- Please do NOT yell at or criticize the lines people or scorekeepers. In most cases these are players that are your daughter's age. Once again, mistakes will happen, it's a fact. You would not appreciate an adult yelling at your child for trying to do her job. Please extend the same courtesy to others.

Playing Time - Volleyball is a team sport, some say it's the ultimate team sport.

- Playing time is very important to us and very important for all players' development. It is important to apply in match situations, the skills and fundamentals taught in practice. Only then are we able to truly realize which skills the player is proficient at and which skills require more training. Nearly every tournament NFVBC teams will play in are of high significance - whether they are in-region (where finish determines overall seed within the region) or out of region (national qualifiers, or tournaments with a lot of recruiters present). We work hard to ensure every player receives appropriate time on the court. However, as a competitive travel team, many individual factors are weighed when determining playing time within each match.

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Parent Initials: _____



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- Playing time is based on numerous factors which include but are not limited to attendance at practice, attitude and work ethic, the level of effort, engagement and coachability at practice, the coach's assessment of a player's readiness to participate in the match, and team chemistry and success given particular line-ups.
- Sportsmanship and integrity are required above all else – respect for themselves, their teammates, parents and coaches, their opponents and referees – ALWAYS!
Playing time will be affected by:
 - Any unsportsmanlike conduct toward teammates, clubmates, opponents, coaches or referees, including outside of practices and tournaments.
 - If club fees are not paid within two weeks of monthly due dates, player will not be allowed to continue to compete and participate in practices and tournaments.
- Please do NOT approach a coach at a tournament with questions or concerns regarding playing time or strategic decisions. The coaches have a lot to deal with during a tournament and need to focus on the next match. If a player or parent has any concerns or issues they would like to discuss, please set up a meeting after the tournament, before or after the next scheduled practice.
- Please support your player, even if she is not physically on the court. Leaving the court or displaying negative body language causes undue stress to your player. Many times players understand that the team comes first and are more affected by their parents' reactions than by supporting their teammates on the sideline.

Fees - Parents are responsible for fulfilling responsibilities set out in the NFVBC Payment Schedule. Fees must be paid on time. Player fees are required to pay for uniforms, equipment, practice facilities, tournament registrations and hotel costs, many of which are due much in advance. An athlete will not be allowed to participate in practices or tournaments unless all monthly and final financial obligations have been met. The initial payment is due upon offer acceptance. We will charge a fee for every check that is returned by the bank. A fee of \$25 will be added to the first returned check, \$50 for the second occurrence, and subsequent payments will only be accepted in cash or money order.

Refunds - Club fees are based on the posted 8-10 players joining the team. Accepting a spot on a team means accepting the financial commitment that comes with it. Once tryouts are over and teams are full, we will be unable to provide a refund since positions on a team are limited and your acceptance of a spot on the team has denied others of the same opportunity. This applies for any reason a player is unable to continue participating in practices and tournaments, including injuries.

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I have read the 2018-2019 Parent/Player Agreement, the 2018-2019 Club Handbook and fully understand all topics covered in both. I agree to abide by all expectations, rules and responsibilities contained within this agreement and the Club Handbook.

Player Name (Please Print): _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____