



WEVA Club Team Code of Conduct for Parents

As parents of a club team under the auspices of the Western Empire Volleyball Association (WEVA), we will conduct ourselves in a manner as outlined by the following CODE:

1. In addition to the club expenses as outlined in the “fee structure” of each individual club, we understand that our son/daughter has paid to LEARN skills and concepts of volleyball; he/she has not paid to play equal time in tournaments or events. The coaching staff is committed to developing ALL players’ skills and when a player earns the right to play in a certain situation, he or she will see playing time. That decision is purely a coaching one. However, the club will not keep players whom they do not believe have the potential to contribute during the season.
2. We welcome and encourage support of all teams during competition. We realize that our juniors’ PARENTS are perceived as being part of the individual team or club organization by other clubs and officials. Therefore, we will conduct ourselves accordingly by:
 - a) Cheering on *our own club’s* teams for their play and NOT jeering or harassing the opponent’s team, officials, or work teams for their performances;
 - b) Realizing that the officials and their work teams are attempting to do the best job they can to referee the game fairly, but it is up to our own team to win or lose the game. Therefore, we will conduct ourselves with appropriate sportsmanship;
 - c) Acknowledging that some club players are relative beginners in the sport of volleyball and will make mistakes—probably at critical times in a match. We will be patient and supportive through these times for all players we are around;
 - d) Realizing that coaching is NOT a science and that all coaches will make decisions that are popular and unpopular. However, we believe that every member of the club’s coaching staff acts in the best intentions of the team, and the best intentions of each and every player. We may not agree with every decision they make, but we will respect that decision.
 - e) Refraining from talking to the players during practice or games. The players need to be concentrating on the game and listening to their coach without distraction.
3. We will see that our son/daughter is at practices and team functions on time and we will assist in car-pooling whenever possible.
4. We will be responsible for monies due on the specified dates.
5. We are responsible for our child’s conduct. If a problem arises at any time, we will be contacted by the coaching staff, coaching coordinator (if one exists for the club) or club director.

6. We will support the decisions made by the club director, coaching staff, coaching coordinator and/or team parent representative and share all responsibilities assigned to me. We realize that a team parent representative is a difficult voluntary job and that gaining consensus from multiple families is difficult, but achievable through open dialog and compromise.
7. We recognize that we may need to participate in fundraising for club expenses. Fundraising may include participating in specific events or soliciting contributions.
8. We are aware that the decisions rendered by the club directors are done so with concern for the overall betterment and reputation of the club and will abide by these decisions.
9. If we have concerns or questions about our child's status with regard to his/her team, we will follow the process of communication described below in order to understand the situation:
 - a) We will accompany our child to a mutually agreed upon meeting with the head coach before or after a practice. No discussion will take place during practice times OR on days of competition. Although this might require patience, we realize that the coach is responsible for the entire team and should not be forced to focus on one individual at these critical times.
 - b) If concerns still exist on behalf of either party, we may request through the head coach of the team a meeting involving the head coach, our son/daughter, the coordinator of coaches, and if necessary, the director. After this meeting, the matter will be resolved and considered closed.
10. If we remove our daughter from a competition without previous permission from the head coach, the club will consider him/her to have resigned from the club and all remaining monies will become due and payable.
11. We realize that the use of tobacco products and alcohol is legal for adults over the age of 21. However, intoxication will not be tolerated, nor will we offer any of the above-mentioned products to any junior aged volleyball player. Any player using tobacco or alcohol may be immediately expelled from the club and all remaining monies will become due and payable.
12. We fully recognize that we are role models to all players in the club and we will conduct ourselves accordingly at all times.
13. If we do not behave in a manner consistent with the sportsmanship and professionalism that our club demands from its athletes and coaches, we may be asked to refrain from attending practices and tournaments.

We would like to welcome you to our organization and hope your family enjoys the unique relationship shared by all who enjoy the sport of volleyball.

We understand and will abide by this Team Code of Conduct for Parents, and if it is not followed at any time, our son or daughter may lose privileges granted by the club.