

BRAVO – Barren River Area Volleyball Organization 2025-2026 Season Parent & Player Rules Agreement



The purposes of these rules are to establish guidelines for players and parents. The club realizes that the intent of 99% of the parents is positive and pro-daughter/player. It has become evident over the years that some high school and middle school volleyball events are ruined by insensitive and disrespectful individuals who choose to embarrass themselves, their daughters, and all others around them during or after volleyball matches. These actions are usually directed toward coaches, officials, or players. BRAVO WILL NOT TOLERATE THIS TYPE OF ACTION. The only warning offered by the club is this document. The consequence is suspension or expulsion, as determined by the BRAVO Directors.

Guidelines: Read very carefully before agreeing to during the Registration Process.

1. BRAVO **MUST** be considered your number one priority over other sports and activities during BRAVO season.
2. All athletes are expected to make every effort to attend every practice and competition. Only an illness serious enough to keep the athlete home from school or a genuine family emergency is a legitimate excuse for missing a practice or competition. Regardless of the reason, if an athlete misses a practice or competition, her playing time may be affected.
3. If an athlete cannot be at practice, the athlete is expected to call the coach. It is the athlete's responsibility (not the parent's) to reach the coach before the practice starts.
4. If an athlete has a second unexcused absence from a practice or competition, she will be notified by the organization of dismissal from the BRAVO program. At this time she may appeal this dismissal to the BRAVO Directors.
Unexcused absences are defined as any miss for a reason other than the following: a) school mandatory functions; b) special church functions, such as weddings, confirmations, etc.; c) illness or injury; and d) family or school functions/trips planned BEFORE BRAVO schedule was announced.
***When registering with BRAVO, you will be required to list these possible conflicts. The Directors will check to make sure they can excuse these absences. Examples of unexcused absences are:** school clubs and sports, baby-sitting, homework, job, vacation with a friend.
5. Do not embarrass the program or your family.
6. Attendance is required at all practices, scrimmages, & tournaments. Any absence must be approved by your coach.
7. Be on time and prepared for practices and games (ankle braces, taped, transportation).
8. Maintain good grades in the classroom.
9. Jewelry (earrings, belly rings, watches, etc.) cannot be worn during practice or games.
10. Players are expected to provide their own transportation to practice and tournaments.
11. BRAVO IS NOT A PAY TO PLAY ORGANIZATION. Playing time must be earned and maintained; it will not be given automatically. Also, on the bench, be supportive and enthusiastic!
12. **No parent is to coach or attempt to coach their daughter or any other player during any club practice or competition.** If you distract your daughter's attention from the practice instruction or competition, she will be asked to sit with you for the remainder of the event. It's the head coaches' decision to have practices open or closed to parents and guardians.
13. Parents are expected to pick their child up from games and practices promptly.
14. **Parents may not be on the gym floor during any competition.** You may not be next to or behind the player's bench unless there are designated bleachers for spectators.
15. Correct Chain of Communication: **Parents are not allowed to discuss player/team performance topics before, during or after any practice or competition with the coach.** Furthermore these types of discussions should not take place with club parents about their child or other players. If there are questions then the player must make arrangements to meet and discuss these issues with their respective coach. The parent may contact the coach with further questions **after** their daughter has discussed the issue with her coach. **Only after these steps have been taken should the BRAVO Directors be involved.** Playing time (amount of) is a non-discussable topic with regards to all travel team players. No player on a travel team is guaranteed any specific amount of playing time. It will not be equal for every player on the team.
16. Overall Communication: Electronic dialogue in the form of email, texting or social media shall only be used for announcements or alerts to/from the coaching staff (i.e. late to practice, practice changes, or tournament information). Any such communications should always include ALL members of the coaching staff, and a parent and never be one-on-one communication between an individual player and a coach.
17. During all competitions the ruling of the officials is final. Any negative comments or verbal out-bursts by parents will not be tolerated by BRAVO. Your actions during any club event reflect on BRAVO. As a parent in this program you have two choices: Be a positive supportive fan both in victory and defeat OR do not attend any of our events.
18. Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol: Any player in BRAVO who is caught with any form of drug, tobacco, or alcohol before, during, or after any club event may be subject to disciplinary action or be removed from the program immediately.
19. Tournament Policy: Players and Parents are required to review and agree to a tournament schedule. If, for any reason, players do not attend a scheduled tournament they have agreed to, they will be subject to the subsequent actions outlined in the Tournament Attendance Policy.
20. Social Media: Social media accounts must not contain anything inappropriate. This includes, but is not limited to suggestive pictures, comments, or posts. All players and families should consider their social media accounts a reflection of them as a player, and a reflection of the club they represent.