

# Club Policies 2024-25 Season

*Texas Fury is a competitive volleyball club with a mission to train the whole athlete; physically, mentally, and spiritually.*



## We Compete – We Impact – We Care

We are honored that you have chosen to be a part of our Fury Family. Texas Fury is about more than just volleyball. We are a God-Centered organization dedicated to high level competition & training, creating strong team dynamics through team building & mental training, and encouraging spiritual development & community involvement.

Our Club Policies have been established to promote and support the club mission, and to help create and maintain a strong, respectable club volleyball program. These are not optional guidelines. All parents, players, staff, and coaches will be held responsible for adhering to all club policies. Anyone found in violation of these policies may be restricted and/or removed from Texas Fury Volleyball Club. In addition to these policies, coaches may establish team specific expectations and consequences for their players. By agreeing to participate in this season you agree to abide by these club policies.

## General Club Policies

- Players and Parents should always maintain a positive and respectful attitude toward all aspects of the club.
- Athletes and Parents are expected to treat ALL coaches, referees, players, parents, spectators and facility staff with courtesy and respect always.
- Texas Fury holds high standards for our Club. We are ultimately one TEAM and will maintain respectful and supportive relationships amongst each other. If any conflicts arise amongst the team, address them immediately if necessary. Players will feed off the unity of parents and coaches.
- Parents and athletes in the Texas Fury program will be expected to make both Texas Fury and academics a priority. We expect athletes to manage their time accordingly so that they can attend and be on time to practices, tournaments and other related functions that fall within the team schedule. Mandatory school functions take priority over club functions.
- Any printing of the Texas Fury name or logo must have Director approval.
- Players must not socialize with coaches or Fury staff outside practice, tournaments, and Texas Fury events. This includes Facebook, Snap Chat, Twitter, Instagram, any social media websites, and ongoing individual text relationships.
- Any negative or derogatory texting or social media posts pertaining to any Texas Fury member, or the club will not be tolerated. The consequences will be determined by Coaches and Directors.
- Coaches are not allowed to be alone with a Texas Fury player or parent at any time.
- Any inappropriate or illegal behavior with coaches or Fury staff will not be tolerated and is subject to immediate dismissal and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

## Practice Club Policies

- It is mandatory that every player arrives 10 minutes early. The consequence for late players is up to the discretion of the coach, but there will be a consequence. If a player is perpetually late, a parent-player-coach meeting will be arranged.
- During practice and pre-practice meetings all cell phones must be put away.
- Parents should remain in the upstairs viewing area during practices. Parents should refrain from communicating with players during practices to avoid distractions, unless they have coach approval, or it is an urgent matter.
- Players must wear their practice shirts to every practice (2 practice shirts will be distributed the first week of practice). The consequences for incorrect shirts are up to the discretion of the coach, but there will be a consequence.
- For all player absences (including illness and school events), players will make up any missed practice time by attending another team's practice before the next tournament. Make-up practice times and days will be determined by the coach, the player and the other team's availability. Make-up practice must be confirmed with your coach. For each missed practice that is not made up before the next tournament, the player is required to sit out 1 set of a match. Positional Trainings, Clinics, Camps, and other Fury programs will not count toward make up practice time.

## Tournament Club Policies

- Players must arrive at tournaments at least 45 minutes early. Coaches will inform you of required times and locations.
- If players arrive at a tournament late there will be consequences issued by the coach at the next practice. If players arrive less than 20 minutes prior to the start of the match they will not be allowed to play in the first set of that match.
- The Coach will advise the team on tournament details and arrival times at playing sites as soon as they receive the information. The tournament details are not usually posted until the Wednesday before the tournament.
- When you arrive at your playing site, the team will pick out a spot and line up their bags in a neat, orderly fashion. This is a good representation of Texas Fury and adds security.

- Players are required to have all uniform items with them at every tournament.
- If a player chooses to wear a mask, it must be solid-colored neutral mask.
- Teams must always be in matching apparel. Texas Fury apparel only.
- All player cell phones must be put away for the entire duration of the tournament unless the player receives permission from the coach for family phone calls. This includes listening to music on your cell phone. This promotes team bonding.
- Texas Fury teams pray before each match at tournaments (player or coach led).
- After each match, win or lose, good or bad officiating, team captains will shake the referee's hand.
- Teams must clean up both bench areas after every match.
- While at tournaments and events, athletes must stay together as a team. Players are not allowed to leave tournament sites until the tournament is over and the coach has dismissed the players (this includes completion of team referee assignments). Inform your coach of your location when away from the team.
- Tournaments are our opportunity to represent Texas Fury to the public. Please maintain Texas Fury's standards of respectful behavior and good sportsmanship.
- If any conflicts arise at a tournament, all parties (parents, players, and coaches) must wait 48 hours before discussing the issue. Please inform a director of any major problems/issues. Failure to comply with this rule may result in suspension from future matches.

## Officiating

- Each team must have at least 2 players trained and certified as scorekeepers. Texas Fury pays for 2 designated players to attend the scorekeeping clinic. Any additional players or parents that choose to attend the score keeper training will be responsible for paying the training cost of \$25.
- Scorekeepers must send a picture or copy of 2 completed score sheets from their matches to the region. This should be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup> to meet requirements for the regional tournament. This certification will last 2 seasons.
- Players must equally share officiating responsibilities. Players act as linesmen and scorekeepers for all tournaments. Players under 15 are not allowed to act as an R2.
- Players must know the expectations for their officiating duties -- no cell phones, eating, talking, listening to headphones, daydreaming, etc. while officiating and/or scorekeeping. There will be no more than 3 players at the score keeping table to minimize distractions. Score tables should be clear of all non-essential items.
- Texas Fury members will maintain high standards of good sportsmanship. All parents and players are to respect all officials and tournament staff. If we have any disrespectful parents on the sidelines at tournaments, a coach or a director will address the situation immediately.

## Travel Guidelines

- Texas Fury provides a block of hotel rooms for each out-of-town tournament. Most out of town tournaments are "Stay to Play" events, which means there will be a required percentage of rooms that must be filled to participate in the tournament. Teams should not make any group plans to stay at a different hotel due to this requirement.
- Player's families are encouraged to stay in the designated hotel but are not required to. If players are staying at a different location, they will make it a priority to attend all team functions/meetings.
- While at hotels, athletes must respect the property and privacy of others. Loud or rowdy behavior is not tolerated. Parents should encourage players to maintain healthy sleeping and eating habits at tournaments.
- Transportation of players to and from tournaments will be the responsibility of parents.
- If coaches ride in a vehicle with a parent or player, there must be more than one person in the vehicle with the coach.
- Under no circumstances will Fury athletes have male guests in their hotel rooms except for family members. Outside visitors should be restricted to the hotel lobby only.
- Under no circumstance will athletes enter another guest's room that is not a Texas Fury player or family member.
- Athletes are not allowed to be in a coach's hotel room at any point. Meetings and team gatherings must be held in a player/parent's hotel room, the hotel lobby, or another public area.
- When a player's parent is not present at a tournament, the athlete must coordinate with the team parent and coach regarding their transportation, hotel arrangements and their location during non-playing periods.
- Athletes are expected to dress modestly while representing Texas Fury Volleyball Club

## Tobacco, Drugs & Alcohol

- Fury athletes must abstain from the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, and vaping while attending any Texas Fury event.
- Any athlete found to be in possession of an illegal substance must be reported to the Director immediately and may be suspended or removed from the club.

## Managing Conflict

- Parents are expected to be active and involved members of the Texas Fury program and should be respectful of coach decisions. Player's fees provide guaranteed equal practice time, but not guaranteed equal playing time at tournaments. Playing time and positions are determined wholly by the coaches and meetings regarding those decisions are not permitted. Meetings must be focused on individual player and teammates should not be discussed.
- The line of communication should be from coach to athlete to parent for all issues involving athletes and/or teams. Athletes are encouraged and expected to talk with their coaches directly about any concerns they may have.
- Should parents and/or players have a concern they must follow the club policy:
  - a. Do not, for any reason, approach coaches or staff members during or immediately after a tournament or practice discussing conflicts. You must wait at least 48 hours following a tournament and 12 hours following practice to contact your coaches about your concerns.
  - b. Should a player wish to discuss any concerns, they will need to meet player to coach first. (For 11s & 12s only, players may include a parent in their first meeting, but that parent should be present mainly as support and limit their participation).
  - c. If the player is still concerned, the parent and player may request a meeting with the coaches.
  - d. If neither of these efforts resolve your concerns, you may request a meeting with a director and your coaches. To fully address the concerns of the player, coaches, both parents and Directors should be present at this meeting.
- To resolve conflicts, Parents and Players are expected to communicate concerns with the appropriate parties not with other Parents or Players. If we are not aware of problems, we are not able to address them fully.
- After players have participated in a USAV sanctioned competition they are unable to transfer Clubs during that season.
- Notify a director immediately if you have any concerns about a player's safety or well-being.

## Disciplinary System

If club policies are broken, there is a reprimand process for all club members including parents and players. Disciplinary issues will be handled by Directors on a case-by-case basis and consequences may range from written/verbal warning to removal from the club.

## Equipment & Facilities

- Each team is given 6 team volleyballs, a ball bag and first aid kit at the beginning of the season. This equipment is marked so that it can be easily located. Equipment must be accounted for at all practices and tournaments before your team is dismissed.
- RRSC has a strict policy regarding no outside food or drink. Parents, players, and coaches must follow this policy.
- Teams should make sure all facilities are left in better condition than when we arrived. All equipment must be put away properly and all trash must be picked up.

## Team Parent/Chaperone

It is vital for all parents to support your team and team parent. All parents are expected to contribute to team snack bags/food table, team outings, Sister program gifts, and other team items. However, each team will have a parent representative to serve as team chaperone/ team parent. There will be a team parent meeting to help prepare you for the season. Our Lead Team Mom will be available to give guidance throughout the season.

*Chaperone responsibilities include attend as many practices and tournaments as possible, collaborate with coach and other parents for tournament meals (snack bags, food tables, team outings, etc.), coordinating team activities and Sister Program, communicating with parents about team events and season information, and generally help the coach in any other way they can. Team parents must include the coaches in all communication & planning.*

## Payments for Player Participation

Payments will be accepted online via your sports engine login only. Sponsorship credits will be deducted from your last monthly payment and move forward from there. Any funds earned will be credited directly to your invoice within Sports Engine. You can view season fees and make any necessary changes to payment methods within the dashboard.

Please communicate in advance regarding payment issues. Coaches are not allowed to accept Texas Fury payments from players or parents under any circumstances.

***We strive to instill these policies in our players and their families, so that Texas Fury Volleyball Club will maintain its culture & reputation as a highly respected club. Thank you for choosing to play with Fury!***