



## ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT (UPDATED)

The Sunshine Coast Volleyball Club (SCVC) is committed to providing you with a positive and rewarding volleyball experience.

By agreeing to these rules, you commit to supporting and respecting your teammates, coaches, and volunteers.

You also agree and understand that playing on a Club team will require dedication and a certain amount of time.

- I will respect the Club, coaches, players, volunteers, and administrators of SCVC and respect the facilities, property, and other people that I encounter while representing SCVC.
- I understand I must show dedication to my team and provide my full attention to my coaches and team during practices, games, and other Club activities.
- I will carefully consider the commitments required to be a fully contributing member of the team and will inform my coach with as much advance notice as possible if I am unable to attend practise or any team event.
- I will report any injury or illness to my coach before any practice or game.
- I understand that I am expected to attend all practices, games, and other Club activities but will not attend these events if I am sick. If injured, I will discuss participation for ongoing learning purposes with my coach.
- I understand that any complaints must first be communicated to the coach or assistant coach. Such communication will be done away from other players/parents and in an appropriate facility.
- I understand that I may be removed from the team or Club for failing to abide by these rules or any other Club rules as set out in the SCVC policies.

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT (UPDATED)

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to SCVC! Being a sport parent isn't easy, but it can be fun. We encourage you to get involved to make your child's sport experience a memorable one. At SCVC, each team requires a manager to organize the following for the team:

- Drivers and chaperones for games and tournaments.
- Accommodations for tournaments.
- Snacks, food and meals for tournaments.
- Disperse ferry vouchers to athletes and collect receipts following the trip.
- Provide 1 scorekeeper and 1 linesperson/game at tournaments (U14 only).
- Assist the coach in communicating the team's activities to the other parents.

These duties are mandatory under club regulations and are shared among all parents/adults from the teams. We value the involvement and support of parents. Without them, we could not have a club.

### PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

At SCVC, we aspire to foster a competitive, developmental and fun culture for our young players. To assist us in enhancing our culture, parents are required to abide by SCVC's Parent Code of Conduct. Please review the information below.

- 1. I WILL let the coaches coach:** I will respect the coach, the coaching staff and the decisions they make. I will not coach my child in volleyball unless I am one of the designated coaches.
- 2. I WILL support effective communication and conflict resolution:** I will encourage my child to deal with any team issues by speaking to the coach directly. If unresolved, I will address any issues directly with the coach.
- 3. I WILL help out where I can:** I will do my part and commit to volunteer and assist our team when asked, making time whenever I can.
- 4. I WILL familiarize myself with all the codes and policies:** I will review the Club's player & coach codes of conduct, policies and the rules of the game myself and with my child.

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5. **I WILL be accountable:** I will ensure that my child respects the team rules regarding getting to practice on time, curfew for road trips and general game etiquette. I will do the same.
6. **I WILL be a positive role model:** I will be a positive role model for sportsmanship and courtesy to the team and other club coaches, officials, players and parents. I will refrain from negative behaviour including taunting, booing or using profanity towards others at games, events and practices.
7. **I WILL respect others in our game:** I will respect officials during games and the decisions they make. I will represent SCVC to other clubs and tournament administrators in a professional and respectful manner.
8. **I WILL support safe and healthy practices:** I will refrain from and discourage any behaviors or practices that could endanger my child or their teammates. I will inform the coaches of any ailments, injuries or debilities that may impede or obstruct my child's participation.
9. **I WILL be my child's parent:** I will not expect the coach to parent my child. That's my job.
10. **I WILL always remember it's about having fun:** I will not force my child to play volleyball, they will play because they want to play. I will encourage my child to work hard and have fun. I will remind them often that I love to watch them play!

## **VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT (UPDATED)**

In the interest of the participants that the Sunshine Coast Volleyball Club (SCVC) serves, volunteers commit to observing the following code of conduct.

- Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
- Agree to conduct yourself in a manner consistent with the position as a positive role model, and as a representative of SCVC.
- Ensure the safety of the athletes with whom you work.
- Respect the privacy and dignity of participants by not divulging confidential information without consent, except where required by law as in the case of suspected child abuse.
- Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of SCVC.
- Refrain from public criticism of fellow members.
- Abstain from and discourage the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products in conjunction with SCVC.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while volunteering. Verbal or physical behaviors that constitute bullying, harassment or abuse are unacceptable.

## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT (NEW)

The athlete/coach relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal as well as athletic development of their athletes. They must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it. Coaches must also recognize that they are conduits through which the values and goals of a sport organization are channeled. Thus, how an athlete regards his/her sport is often dependent on the behaviour of the coach. The following Code of Conduct has been developed to aid coaches in achieving a level of behavior that will allow them to assist their athletes in becoming well-rounded, self-confident and productive human beings.

### COACHES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the athlete.
3. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of their sport and of coaching.
  - Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches; especially when speaking to the media or recruiting athletes.
  - Abstain from the use of tobacco products while in the presence of her/his athletes and discourage their use by athletes.
  - Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when working with athletes.
  - Discourage the use of alcohol in conjunction with athletic events or victory celebrations at the playing site.
  - Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of his/her duties.
4. Ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
5. Communicate and co-operate with registered medical practitioners in the diagnoses, treatment and management of their athletes' medical and psychological problems. Consider the athletes' future health and well being as foremost when making decisions regarding an injured athletes' ability to continue playing or training.

## **COACHES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:**

6. Recognize and accept when to refer athletes to other coaches or sport specialists. Allow athletes' goals to take precedence over their own.
7. Regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and self-awareness.
8. Treat opponents and officials with due respect, both in victory and defeat and encourage athletes to act accordingly. Actively encourage athletes to uphold the rules of their sport and the spirit of such rules.
9. In the case of minors, communicate and co-operate with the athlete's parents
10. In an educational institution, be aware of the academic pressures placed on student-athletes and conduct practices and games in a manner so as to allow academic success.

## **COACHES MUST:**

11. Ensure the safety of the athletes with whom they work.
12. At no time become intimately and/ or sexually involved with their athletes. This includes requests for sexual favours or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.
13. Respect athlete's dignity: verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable (definition of harassment is attached).
14. Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
15. Never provide underage athletes with alcohol.

*This code was developed by Promotion Plus Women in Coaching Committee in conjunction with the Ministry of Government Services and the Ministry Responsible for Sport and the Commonwealth Games Coaching Advisory Committee and the Coaches Association of BC.*