

2011 Toledo Volleyball Club Player Guidelines Toledo Volleyball Club (hereinafter TVC)

TVC Mission Statement

We, The Toledo Volleyball Club, are committed to providing the best possible environment for our volleyball players to reach their maximum playing potential through excellence in coaching and community support. Our players will be challenged to excel not only for their own personal growth but also for the betterment of their teams, the Toledo Volleyball Club, and the communities in which they live.

TVC will support National teams for all age groups (18s to 12s) with the goal of qualifying for the USA Junior National Tournament. All TVC National teams will be registered at the National/Open level in the Ohio Valley Region (OVR)

TVC will also have Club/Local teams for all age groups when the demand at tryouts dictates it (18s to 12s) to support the growth and further development of volleyball in the area. The teams will be registered as club/regional teams in the OVR.

Team Structure

- There will be a minimum of nine (9) players per team for National teams with the option to add players to the teams going to Nationals.
- A minimum of nine (9) players will be selected for the Club/Local teams.
- There will be a minimum of one (1) head coach for the National Teams and an assistant coach and a minimum of one (1) coach for the Club/Local teams.
- A parent representative will be in charge of the administration of the team and will assist the club director.
- National teams and Club/Local teams will practice a minimum of two (2) times a week.

Attendance Policy/Penalties

It is expected that players will not miss any practices or tournaments. However, we understand that there will be times when attendance will not be possible due to illness, injury or family emergency.

Players must contact their coach prior to practice to indicate they will not be at practice and the reason for missing the practice. Coaches will have the discretion to allow for an excused absence. Failure to notify the coach directly (not through a teammate) will automatically be considered an unexcused absence. A player who has more than two (2) unexcused absences during the season is subject to dismissal from the team and club.

This policy applies to missing practices. One unexcused absence from a tournament is grounds for immediate dismissal from the club and will result in the player not being considered for a National/Mizuno level TVC team the following year.

National/Mizuno Teams: **No player is permitted to miss any practices the week prior to attendance at a national qualifier or OVR bid tournament.** However, should there be some warranted emergency situation, the player may petition the coach and Club Director to consider the emergency and grant a waiver of this provision. It is anticipated that this type of situation will rarely occur. Please check your team's schedule before committing to Spring Break vacation plans. The OVR bid tournament is usually held the week after Easter each year.

Winter Sport Athletes: Absences due to practice or competitions for winter sports will be considered excused absences. However, players will be expected to attend TVC practice and tournaments when possible. Should your school winter sport coach not allow participation in another sporting activity, until after the winter sport season you need to notify the club prior to tryouts as it may be a consideration by the TVC coach relative to which team you may make. Valuable team bonding as well as learning the team offensive and defensive schemes happen early in the season and it is important that all team members are in attendance. The excused absences end with the completion of the season. There is no grace period allowed following the last competition.

Penalties – As stated above, a player with more than two (2) unexcused absences during a season is subject to dismissal from the team and club. National and Mizuno team players who are dismissed for this reason will not be eligible for a National/Mizuno team in future years.

Play time can be affected by absences – whether they are excused or unexcused. It is up to individual coaches to determine play time for all athletes.

Senior Activities – Seniors will be granted an excused absence for their senior prom (1 prom only) and graduation. Every attempt will be made to schedule around these activities. Prom is not considered an excused absence for non-seniors.

Player Conduct at Tournament/Practice Sites

It is the intent of the TVC to be a leader in the volleyball community. It is also the intent of the TVC to lead by example, which means each TVC player needs to lead by example. These guidelines are set forth to protect the safety and integrity of each TVC player, each parent and the coaches. Please be aware that all possible circumstances are not accounted for in these guidelines. In the event of an unforeseen circumstance, TVC will enforce appropriate action. The TVC wishes to set the standard for other volleyball clubs to aspire to achieve.

- Equal playing time is **not** guaranteed. Coaches evaluate players during practices on a weekly basis. If a player has a question about their playing time, the player should set up a time with their coach to discuss their concern. If the player continues to have concerns following the meeting with the coach, the player and a parent should schedule a meeting with Michelle Hills.
- Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated at any TVC function. This covers a wide variety of circumstances. For example, the use of crude, obscene or foul language toward players, parents or coaches is unacceptable behavior.
- For safety reasons, a player may **not** leave the practice site at anytime without notifying the coach and obtaining his/her approval.
- In the event that a friend of a player attends a tournament, the player's first priority is to the team.
- Proper nutrition is required.
- Teams are responsible for officiating and score keeping during all tournaments. Each athlete aged 14 and older is required to learn score keeping and down officiating.
- No team member is permitted to leave the tournament site until all officiating responsibilities are completed. There are circumstances where the coach can give a player permission to leave. If a player leaves before officiating duties are complete and without permission, **the player will be suspended for one (1) match at the next tournament.**
- Players may be required to take game statistics as requested by the coach.
- Only the captain or coach(es) are permitted to question an official.
- If any TVC teams are playing at the same tournament site, players are encouraged to watch and cheer for the team(s).

NOTE: A tournament begins when a team leaves from home and does not end until the team returns home.

Travel and Lodging Guidelines

- When at a restaurant, proper behavior and manners are required at all times.
- Hotel arrangements for National teams are made by the Club. Players are expected to stay at the designated club hotel. Parents may elect to stay elsewhere if they are able to make arrangements for their player to stay with the team.
- When at the lodging location, players are **NOT** permitted to leave the premises at any time without notification to the coach. A player's parents may request permission (with prior notification) to take their daughter off the lodging premises.
- When at the lodging location, players must travel in two (2s) at a minimum, when walking around the lodging premises.
- When at the lodging location, a 10:30 p.m. curfew will be observed by all players. The only exception to this is if the team is playing a night pool and does not finish in time to eat and return to the hotel by 10:30 p.m. Coach will establish curfew in those instances.
- When at the lodging location, there shall be no display of disrespect toward **ANY** TVC coach, player, parent, chaperone, and hotel employee.
- Parents of players shall provide transportation to and from tournaments. Players are not permitted to drive to any tournaments except tournaments hosted by TVC at Synergy.
- Boy(s) are **NOT** permitted in the rooms or hallways of the players lodging at any time. The only exception to this policy is when the boy(s) is/are a relative of the player. Public displays of affection at tournament sites, practices or TVC functions is not permitted.

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, first offenses of any of the above-listed guidelines will result in a warning to the player, with notification to the parents. A second offense can result in expulsion from TVC.

Expulsions and Suspensions

While it is not the intent of the TVC to suggest there will be problems, the integrity of the TVC is of foremost importance. All situations will be evaluated by the TVC. Fairness to all concerned is the objective of the TVC.

Automatic Expulsion May Result For Any Of The Following Offenses:

- Smoking at any TVC function.
- Using alcohol or drugs at any time during a TVC function.
- Having a boy or boys in a player's room (other than relatives) or public displays of affection.
- Player or Parent approaching a coach, a player or any other club member in an inappropriate manner at any TVC function.
- Anything deemed as criminal activity, whether charged with a crime or not.
- Quitting the team.
- As provided for in the Attendance Policy.
- Violating the 24 hour rule (Player and/or Parent may not approach a coach or club director (by phone, email or in person) for 24 hours immediately following a tournament to discuss concerns or complaints.

Automatic Suspension For One Tournament May Result For Any Of The Following Offenses:

- Leaving lodging premises without notification to coach and without chaperone
- Not paying TVC tuition by stated deadlines
- Having knowledge of an offense without reporting the offense

NOTE: No monies will be refunded to any player who receives a suspension and/or an expulsion.

Grievance Procedures

The procedure for addressing grievances has been designed to assist players and their parents with questions, concerns or problems that may occur during the course of the season. These procedures ensure open communication between all affected parties.

1. The player must first ask for a meeting between the coach(es) and herself to discuss the issue(s). In the case of younger players, the parent may request a meeting. The discussion shall take place at a location that provides privacy and confidentiality and that is agreeable to all parties. At no time shall this meeting take place at practice or during a tournament.
2. If an issue remains unresolved following the initial meeting, the parent(s) of a player must request a meeting between the coach(es), the player, and the parent(s) to discuss the issue(s). The discussion shall take place at a location that provides privacy and confidentiality and that is agreeable to all parties. At no time shall this meeting take place at practice or during a tournament.
3. If the issue, again, remains unresolved, the player's parent(s) and the player may request a meeting between the TVC Director, the coach(es) and themselves to discuss the unresolved issue(s). The discussion shall take place at a location that provides privacy and confidentiality and that is agreeable to all parties. At no time shall this meeting take place at practice or during a tournament.
4. If the issue, again, remains unresolved, the player's parents may request a meeting between the TVC Board of Trustees, the coach(es) and themselves to discuss the issue(s). The discussion shall take place at a location that provides privacy and confidentiality and that is agreeable to all parties. At no time shall this meeting take place at practice or during a tournament.
5. The decision of the board is final and not subject to review.

At no time should a parent approach a coach at either practice or a tournament seeking to discuss a problem. Further, we at TVC wish to resolve all concerns in a manner that provides privacy and confidentiality of all involved and, as such, we ask that any concerns or issues be communicated as outlined above, without involving others, including players, parents or coaches, who have not initiated the grievance procedure. Failure to abide by the procedures identified herein may result in sanctions by the coach or TVC including, but not limited to, affecting one's playing time at a match or expulsion from the Club.

Statement Of Understanding With Signature

As a TVC player, I _____ have read and understand the Toledo
(Player's printed name)
Volleyball Club Player Guidelines set forth by the TVC. I understand that I am responsible
for my conduct while participating with the TVC. As the parent or guardian of the above-
referenced TVC player, I have read and understand the Toledo Volleyball Club Player
Guidelines set forth by the TVC. I understand that my daughter is responsible for her
conduct while participating with the TVC.

Player's Printed Name
Player's Signature
Parent(s) Printed Name(s)
Parent(s) Signature(s)
Date

NOTE: This document **MUST** be signed and dated and turned in **PRIOR** to the player's first practice. No participation of any kind with the TVC shall be permitted unless and until this document is signed, dated and turned into TVC.