

# **2009 Toledo Volleyball Club Player Guidelines**

## **Toledo Volleyball Club (hereinafter TVC)**

### **TVC Mission Statement**

It is the intent of TVC to promote fairness, good sportsmanship, and a learning environment for all athletes. TVC will support National teams for all age groups (18s to 13s) with the goal of qualifying for the USA Junior National Tournament. All TVC National teams will be registered at the Open level in the Ohio Valley Region (OVR)

TVC will also have Club/Local teams for all age groups (18s to 12s) to support the growth and further development of volleyball in the area. The teams will be registered 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 Parent Rep coordinator.
- National teams and Club/Local teams will practice a minimum of two (2) times a week.

## Attendance Policy/Penalties

The TVC will enforce the following practice and tournament attendance policy for every athlete.

### Practice

- For every two (2) practices missed, a player shall sit a match in the next tournament. **This policy does not include basketball players in season or Michigan volleyball players in season.**
- Missing more than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of practice counts as an absence. Flexibility will be extended to school departure time, school location and location of player's residence in relation to practice site.
- Upon presentation of proper documentation, absences from practice will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Any player who misses a practice must notify the Coach of her team prior to the practice.

### Tournament

- Missing a part of any tournament counts as one (1) absence.
- For any part of a tournament day missed, a player will sit a match in the next tournament.
- Attendance at National qualifiers and Regional qualifiers is **mandatory**. Failure to comply with this policy may result in suspension from the club. Every attempt will be made to schedule qualifiers around senior proms. However, if that is not possible, the affected senior may petition her coach and the club director for an excused absence.
- Upon presentation of proper documentation, absences from tournaments will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**NOTE:** A poor attendance record may impact a player's playing time.

## Player Conduct At Tournaments/Practice Site

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 Sonny Lewis.
- 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 base and does not end until the team returns to home base.

## 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 a 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, curfew will be observed as established by the coach.
- 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. Violation of this policy will result in immediate expulsion from the TVC. 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
- Having more than six (6) absences, subject to review by TVC
- Violating the 24 hour rule (Player and/or Parent may not approach a coach for 24 hours immediately following a tournament to discuss playing time issues)

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

- Leaving lodging premises without notification to coach and without chaperone
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- 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.
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.

## Statement Of Understanding With Signature

As a TVC player, I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and  
(Player's printed name)  
understand the Toledo 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.