



2007 – 2008 JUNIORS' PROGRAM PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a member of the NVVA Juniors' Program, we will conduct ourselves in a manner as outlined by the following Code.

- 1) I (We) understand that our child has paid to learn the skills and concepts of volleyball in an effective and respectful environment. NVVA Juniors' Program Coaching Staff will provide every player with a role on the team, although this does not mean that each player will play the same amount of time. NVVA Juniors' Program is committed to developing all players' skills and decisions concerning player participation in tournaments are the responsibility of the Coaching Staff and no other individual(s) in the organization.
- 2) The NVVA Juniors' Program, Coaching Staff, and Juniors' Director welcomes and encourages support of all teams during competition. As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of NVVA Juniors' participants, I (we) realize that our attendance and participation is perceived to be a part of the NVVA Organization by other Teams, Organizations and Officials. Therefore, I (we) will conduct ourselves at all functions with respect toward the game of volleyball and all its participants by:
 - Cheering NVVA Juniors' teams for their play and we will conduct ourselves with the appropriate sportsmanship toward opponent teams, other junior volleyball parents, officials, and work teams. I (we) realize officials and their work teams are attempting to do the best job in fairly calling the game, but its up to the NVVA Juniors' teams to win or lose the game.
 - Acknowledging that all athletes make mistakes (sometimes at critical points in a match) I (we) will be patient and supportive through these times for all players we are around.
 - Realizing that coaching is not a science and that all coaches will make decisions that are popular and unpopular. However, I (we) believe that every member of the NVVA Juniors' Program coaching staff makes decisions based on their best intentions for the NVVA Juniors' Program, their team, and each and every player under their guidance. As the parent(s), I (we) may not agree with every decision they make but I (we) will respect decisions made by the NVVA Juniors' Staff.
 - Respecting any request made by an NVVA Juniors' Staff /Member (including other parent members) to discontinue behavior deemed unacceptable. If I (we) do not honor the initial request(s), a member of the NVVA Juniors' Staff it is within their rights to request that I (we) leave the playing area.
 - Understanding that competition in the sport of volleyball requires a player's full attention and making efforts to communicate directly with my child or another player during competition takes away from that focus. If I (we) need to communicate with, give something to, or otherwise directly contact my child, I (we) will request contact through a coach.
- 3) I (We) will be responsible for monies due on the specified dates as outlined in the Participation Agreement Form.



- 4) I am (We are) aware that the decisions rendered by the NVVA Juniors' Staff are made with consideration toward the improvement/reputation of the Program as well as the best interests of the persons involved. As the parent(s)/guardian(s), I (we) agree to abide by decisions made by NVVA Juniors' Staff Members and to resolve any disputes I (we) may have with those decisions via the procedures provided by the Parent's Council.
- 5) If I (we) have a concern or question about our son/daughter's status with regard to his/her team, I (we) will follow the process of discussion described below in order to understand the situation:
 - Together with our son/daughter, we will request a meeting with the Head Coach before or after a practice. NO discussion will take place during practice times or on days of competition.
 - If concerns still exist, either party may request an audience with the NVVA Juniors' Director. This request must come through the Head Coach of the team or the Parent's Council Representative. The Juniors' Director may ask for the Coaches Director and/or the Parent's Director to attend the meeting. If the issue still remains unresolved, the NVVA Juniors' Board will arbitrate the dispute and provide final resolution to the matter.
- 6) If I (we) remove our son/daughter from a competition site during competition without previous permission from the Head Coach, the NVVA Juniors' Program will consider him/her to have resigned from the Juniors' Program and all remaining monies will become due and payable.
- 7) To be successful, NVVA needs the commitment of both players and parents. Parents must be willing to transport their child to and from any NVVA functions (i.e. practices/tournaments), and volunteer as coordinators for out-of-town tournaments, which could include car-pooling whenever possible. Coaches will NOT be permitted to transport players to and from any NVVA function, with the exception of emergency situations.
- 8) Responsible for our son/daughter's conduct. If a problem arises at any time I (we) will be contacted.
- 9) While the use of tobacco products and alcohol is legal for adults over the age of 21, I (we) will respect the NVVA Juniors' Program's request to limit use of alcohol and tobacco products when I am (we are) involved with a NVVA Juniors' Program function (i.e., practice, tournaments, overnight trips). If I (we) choose to smoke at a function, I (we) will smoke in designated areas. In all cases, intoxication will not be tolerated and the offering of any alcohol or tobacco product to any junior volleyball player is strictly prohibited.
- 10) As the parent(s) and member(s) of NVVA Juniors', I (we) will refrain from using profane language at NVVA Juniors' Functions.
- 11) While NVVA Juniors' Program encourages me to be an active participant in my child's volleyball season, I (we) understand that gym time is limited and will not interrupt practices to talk with coaches. However, I am (we are) free to make appointments to hold discussions before or after practice or at other agreed to times/places.