



# 2017 Spectator Code of Conduct

## SPECTATOR/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

(This legally binding document may be reproduced as often as necessary)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** – ENTRY TO THIS PRIVATELY SANCTIONED EVENT IS GRANTED AS A COURTESY. IF YOU ENTER/ATTEND THIS, OR ANY REGION SANCTIONED EVENT, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES:

### I WILL:

1. I WILL abide by the official rules of USA Volleyball.
2. I WILL display good sportsmanship at all times.
3. I WILL encourage my child and his/her team, regardless of the outcome on the court.
4. I WILL educate myself on the unique rules of this facility.
5. I WILL honor the rules of the host and the host facility.
6. I WILL generate goodwill by being polite and respectful to those around me at this event.
7. I WILL direct my child to speak directly with his/her coach when coaching decisions are made that may be confusing or unclear.
8. I WILL redirect any negative comments from others to the respective Event Director or Program Administrator.
9. I WILL direct all concerns regarding officials to the Head Coach or Club Director for my team/club as opposed to contacting the Head Official directly.
10. I WILL immediately notify the Event Director and/or Program Administrator in the event that I witness any illegal activity.
11. I WILL support the policies and guidelines of the team/club that I represent.
12. I WILL acknowledge effort and good performance, remembering that all of the players in this event are amateur athletes.
13. I WILL model exemplary spectator behavior while attending this event.
14. I WILL respect the history and tradition of the sport of volleyball by being a good ambassador.

### I WILL NOT:

1. I WILL NOT harass or intimidate the officials or other match participants.
2. I WILL NOT coach my child from the bleachers and/or sidelines.
3. I WILL NOT criticize my child's coach or his/her teammates.
4. I WILL NOT participate in any game or game-like activities unless I have a current membership card with the Region and I am on the roster for the team on the court
5. I WILL NOT bring and/or carry any firearms at any Region event.
6. I WILL NOT bring, purchase, or consume alcohol at any Youth/Junior volleyball event.

**Note:** Any violation of this Code of Conduct will result in you being asked to leave the site/facility, and may result in you possibly being banned from attending future Region sanctioned events. Fines will be assessed to the Affiliated Club and will be collected by the Region, these fines may range from \$200 - \$500 depending on the type of violation. Multiple violations of this policy will be reviewed by the RMR Junior Committee in which they will assess fines and possibly revoke permission for any individual to attend any RMR Sanctioned Event for any length of time. The Event Director has the FINAL say regarding their individual event. Local law enforcement will be contacted if necessary to resolve any disputes or altercations. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Region office, Wendy Sapp at [wendy@rmrvolleyball.org](mailto:wendy@rmrvolleyball.org).

## Guidelines for Addressing Inappropriate Spectator Conduct

The Rocky Mountain Region has experienced unruly and unsportsmanlike behavior by spectators at volleyball matches during the past season. The following RMR guidelines will be used at all RMR Sanctioned Events. This message is to ALL spectators that such behavior will not be tolerated.

These guidelines call for the first referee (R1) to take the lead in dealing with troublesome spectators as the official responsible for the match. However, it will be a cooperative effort by the R1 and the tournament director to fully resolve any problems. Furthermore, we have directed referees and the tournament director to call on captains and coaches to not only be responsible for the conduct of their teams as required in the USAV rules, but also to accept responsibility for the behavior of their fans.

### ***ANY PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IMMEDIATELY GO TO TIER 3***

#### ◆ **Tier 1 – Verbal Warning By R1**

As the R1 of a match, you should monitor the activities of the spectators. Enthusiastic support for the play is encouraged. Derogatory remarks about players, coaches and officials are to be discouraged. Profane language or gestures or aggressive behavior is not to be tolerated.

Proceed with the following actions:

1. R1 stop the match.
2. Call the second referee (R2) to the stand and give them the verbal warning that needs to be given to the coach about the spectators and ask them to have someone bring the Tournament Director to the court.
3. R2 gives the coaches the verbal warning
4. Coaches will be allowed a moment to address the inappropriate behavior.
5. Continue play.

Once the Tournament Director is called to the court they should observe the behavior problem, they should bring a Conduct Situation Form in case the bad behavior does not stop. Stay at the court and observe the behavior of the spectators, teams and officials until the match ends or the R1 agrees that the situation is under control. If spectators do not comply with the verbal warning move to Tier 2

#### ◆ **Tier 2 – Tournament Director Addresses and Documents Situation**

If R1 and or Tournament Director believe that the problems that initiated Tier 1 are continuing, the tournament director will request the individual to remove themselves from the court, warn them that their behavior is inappropriate and get the detailed information for the Conduct Situation Form that will be sent to the RMR. If they fail to comply move to Tier 3. Fines will be assessed to the affiliated club whose individual(s) including parents, friends and relatives violate the Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct will range from \$200 - \$500 depending on the violation.

#### ◆ **Tier 3 – Expulsion and Contact Authorities**

1. Spectator's Invitation to attend the event will be revoked and individual will be asked to leave the facility immediately. If spectator refuses to leave contact the authorities (911).
2. Any type of physical violence, immediately contact the authorities (911)

### **FINAL REPORTING**

Any violation that went to Tier 2 or Tier 3 Level it must be reported to the RMR Office when the final results are sent. Tournament Directors be sure to fill out the Conduct Situation Form with as much detail as possible. Should there be any situation that needs to be reported immediately contact Wendy Sapp (720) 220-6908