

Local Team Parent/Player Meeting

NIAGARA FRONTIER

VOLLEYBALL

1. Welcome / Introductions
2. Goals and Vision
 - 1) Individual player development
 - 2) Team Training
 - 3) Coach education and development
3. Player Safety
4. Training and Competition
5. Communication
6. Culture
7. Social Media - @NFVBjuniors - #NFVBnation

Coaches may choose to hold a team meeting in balcony during "off" time.

Playing Time

For ALL players: All players earn their playing time in practice. It is the player's task to work hard enough and learn enough to get on the court during tournament games. Some players will get specialized assignments while others must work to be the best alternate starter that they can be. Regardless of the role that evolves over the season, all players and parents are expected to remain positive and committed to the goal of having the TEAM do as well as possible by the end of the season.

Regarding Playing Time: Winning is a goal at every level of competitive athletics. However, at our Local Team level, it should be understood that every player should see court time in every match (though not necessarily in every game). If a local team is in the Championship playoff bracket with an opportunity to win the tournament, the coach may play to win and play time may be minimal for some players. That being said, all playing time is decided by the coaches and is not negotiable. Coaches have the right to play whomever they think is best suited for a position and who helps contribute to the team's development and success.

Communication Protocol

In the clubs goal to educate players in life skills outside of volleyball we feel it is important for players to create and maintain a good dialogue with their coaches regardless of age. Players should communicate with coaches on any issues that affect them as soon as they become a concern. Feedback is extremely important aspect of a student athlete's maturation. Players should be upfront with their coaches to explain areas/positions were they feel confident as well as relay areas/positions where they need additional assistance. Athletes should also expect specific feedback from their coaches and trainers.

The parent's role is one of support to the players, coaches and club. Parents should not engage in "coaching" from the sidelines, criticize players, coaches or game officials or try to influence the makeup or operation of the team at any time.

- Parents are not to approach coaches regarding team issues. We encourage player communication with their coaches.
- While email or a phone call can start a discussion we prefer that all concerns be discussed in person between the coach and the player and scheduled before or after a practice.
- If a parent feels that he or she must address a team situation, they are permitted to contact the coach and one of the club directors 24 hours after the last game of a tournament to discuss their concerns. The coach and/or director will only address concerns regarding your child.
- At no time should a parent approach the coach during a game. No parent should come onto the court for any reason during competition. Parents must not contact any coach before 24 hours after a match to discuss a player situation unless the athletes safety in jeopardy.

Points of Emphasis

- Parents are encouraged to learn the game and why coaches do what they do
- Growth and improvement is our goal while we groom skills and competitive team spirit
- Encourage your positive expectations for your daughters and their teammates
- A "Shared" Experience needs team commitment.
- Attendance policy and borrowing players
- Local Level teams can guarantee equal practice time, but cannot guarantee equal tournament playing time
- Help enforce 24 hour rule
- Parents are not allowed to view practices from the gym floor or balcony area. They must remain in the lobby.
- Club gear shall be worn by all team members at each practice. This consists of either the supplied t-shirt or any Niagara Frontier logoed apparel and blue spandex or shorts. Players are NOT allowed to tear the sleeves off or alter the apparel in any way.
- Earrings and body-piercings are not allowed in a player's ear or body in practice or at tournaments. This is for the player's safety. Do not have any new piercings done during the season.