



GENERAL EXPECTATIONS and COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Please understand that being invited to play for GCVC is a privilege and should be treated as such. The following guidelines and rules have been established to protect GCVC, our coaches, and players.

- Players are expected to attend all team functions and commit to the team's schedule. Conflicts with the schedule must be clearly communicated to your coach within a reasonable time frame. All foreseeable scheduling conflicts must be discussed at the beginning of the season.
- It is the coach's discretion to accept absences due to illness (excluding COVID or injury). GCVC's rule of thumb: if the player is contagious, the coach excuses the athlete from participation. If not, the athlete is expected to attend.
- There are no refunds for a player who resigns, is removed, is ill, or injured and unable to fulfill their commitment to our club. There is ZERO flexibility in this policy.
- Families of players are expected to meet the additional financial requirements of travel for tournament play.
- End of season tournaments are mandatory. Teams compete in national qualifier tournaments with hopes of earning a bid to USAV Nationals.
 - All teams are required to attend USAV Nationals IF they earn a bid.
 - 15U-17U are required to attend AAU Nationals IF they do not earn a bid to USAV Nationals.
 - Athletes with an unexcused absence to end of the season tournaments is not permitted to attend GCVC tryouts for the remainder of their amateur volleyball careers.
- Multi-sport athletes are supported and encouraged by GCVC. However, this does not alter the athlete's responsibility to attend practices and tournaments, as is required of all athletes. Multi-sport athletes' schedules require focused attention to time management to achieve success in multiple sports. These athletes may be placed on second teams if known conflicts will interfere with attendance to practices, qualifier, or end of the season tournaments.
- Updated and current contact information must be provided to staff in case of an emergency and for communication purposes.
 - All families are required to have a current email address for program communication.
 - Text messages via Remind or GroupMe app (or equivalent) on cell phones may also be used.

Accountability

- Be punctual. Athletes are expected to be at the tournament court one hour prior to start time.
- Whether on or off the court, players are expected to be fully engaged in the match.
- Players will give 100% effort in all aspects of the game, and most importantly during practice.
- We ask that you learn from mistakes and move forward. We encourage you to be fearless when trying new things.
- Be prepared for practices by wearing assigned practice shirts, having gear on, and being ready to begin 15 minutes prior to the start of practice.
- Help clean up following every game or practice. Leave the bench area, camp area, and facility cleaner than you found it.
- Stay positive and support each other. Negative comments or attitudes are not tolerated.



GRIEVANCE POLICY

Grievances, including but not limited to playing time, an athlete’s role on the team, or conflict with coach and/or teammates are to be brought to the coaching staff in an appropriate manner. Coaches are willing to discuss any issue before or after practice and after 24 hours following the completion of a tournament.

We encourage athletes to take the first step and initiate the grievance resolution process as follows:

GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION STEPS:

1. Player/Athlete may schedule a meeting with the coach if there are questions/concerns.
2. Player/Athlete may schedule a meeting with the coach and include parents if there are still questions/concerns.
3. Player/Athlete and parents may schedule a meeting with the coach and club directors.

Our coaches are approachable, and issues are to be addressed in a face to face discussion as opposed to over email or text.

GCVC Team Policies:

As a member of GCVC, players are expected to be familiar with the GCVC Team Policies. This document is provided on the GCVC website.



Player Name: _____

Team: _____

ADHERENCE TO GCVC PLAYER COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

By signing this form, the undersigned party confirms that it has received, read, and agree to follow this agreement set forth by the Greater Columbus Volleyball Club. Failure to do so could result in dismissal of your child from the program.

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) have read the Player Commitment Agreement and understand my child's obligations, as well as my own. As a member of GCVC, I agree to follow all policies, procedures, and guidelines as long as my child is a member of the team.

I _____ (Player) have read the Player Commitment Agreement and understand my obligations as a member of GCVC. I agree to follow said policies, procedures, and guidelines as long as I am a member of the team.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

As the parent/guardian for my player, I will inform the coaches of GCVC if there are medical conditions that should be monitored during practice, tournaments, or strength training. I also understand that it is the parent's/guardian's obligation to inform coaches of any medical problems, injuries, or discomforts that would limit the player's ability to compete in any way. I understand and agree to abide by Cornerstone Athletic Center's policies.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- a. All players who participate with a team are required to pay the same budgeted cost per player.
- b. Approximate, budgeted cost per player varies according to age group.
- c. All players are required to pay a \$300-\$750 deposit which will be due upon acceptance of a team offer.
- d. Payment schedules are specified on the team page of the website.
- e. There are no refunds for a player who resigns, is removed, is ill, or injured and unable to fulfill their commitment to our club.

I pledge to uphold all rules and regulations set forth by GCVC:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach/Director: _____ Date: _____