

CIRCLE CITY VOLLEYBALL

2025-2026 CODE OF CONDUCT

1. SUBSTANCE POLICY

Use of Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products is prohibited. Alcohol consumption by minors (under age 21) is prohibited by law in Indiana. Possession or use of drugs is illegal. If a player uses any of these substances while competing as a member of a junior team in the United States Volleyball Association sanctioned competition, the team may be declared ineligible for further competition. Therefore, any use of illegal drugs or alcohol by Circle City athletes will result in immediate suspension from the club.

The sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products is illegal to persons under 18 years old. Additionally, there is overwhelming evidence that tobacco degrades health and athletic performance. Therefore, the use of tobacco products is subject to the same penalties as alcohol and drug use.

If a player is suspended for violation of the Circle City substance policy, the terms of the suspension will be specified in writing by the club administrator, Scott McQueen. Each case will be reviewed individually, and the administrator has the authority to suspend an athlete for the remainder of the club season if necessary. Subsequent violations may result in permanent expulsion from the club.

A suspended athlete may appeal the suspension in writing. This appeal must be signed by both the athlete and a parent and must be submitted within 14 days of the administrator's decision. The case will be reviewed by a 3-member board.

2. CONDUCT DURING COMPETITION

This section pertains to any competitive event, whether a sanctioned tournament, or an inter club scrimmage. Athletes are subject to these rules from the time they depart from home for an event until they return home. All athletes are subject to the rules of competition and conduct specified by the United States Volleyball Association. These rules require that athletes treat coaches, teammates, opponents and officials with courtesy and respect.

Coaches will announce the expected arrival time for an event to their teams prior to the event. **All athletes are expected to arrive on time.** If this is not possible, **coaches should be notified in advance.**

Players are not excused to leave following competition until released by their coaches. Players and parents should not expect special treatment, such as permission to leave earlier than teammates if the athlete's team must officiate following its final match. All players are expected to share equally in performance of line judging, scorekeeping, and second referee responsibilities with teammates. Players are expected to behave in a professional manner while officiating. Athletes who must leave early due to other commitments should clear this in advance. Players should not leave a playing site between matches without permission. Teams may have meetings, officiating duties, or may need to stay to support other Circle City teams.

All players will compete in proper club uniforms. Other rules will be established by individual team coaches.

Competitive events requiring overnight stays will have chaperones for each team. Athletes must understand that chaperones have the same authority as the team coach and are to be treated with the same respect and courtesy.

I understand this Code of Conduct. I further understand that I may not participate in Circle City Volleyball practices or tournaments without a signed copy on file.

Athlete's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____