



**PARENT CODE OF ETHICS:**

The Club does not require parents to attend a comprehensive orientation program, but we do require that all parents participate by reading this entire document and agree to pledge to follow FVC's Code of Ethics.

- I will be my child's TEAM's biggest fan when they win but especially when they lose.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by supporting them, their team, and the FVC organization.
- I will not coach my child during the games or practices
- I will be in control of my emotions
- I will learn the rules of the game to help me better understand what is happening on the court
- I understand that physical or verbal intimidation of any individual is unacceptable behavior
- If I remove my daughter from competition without permission from a FVC coach, Head Coach or representative, FVC will consider her/him to have resigned from our club and all remaining monies will become due and payable or forfeited, as the case may be.
- If I do not behave in a manner consistent with the sportsmanship and professionalism that FVC demands from its athletes, coaches and parents, I may be asked to refrain from attending practices and tournaments.
- I will honor my financial commitments to FVC and my team

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FVC Player Name

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Parent Signature



### **Parent Guidelines:**

- Athlete/Parent and Coach Meetings:

If there is a concern that an athlete has with playing time or another situation on the team- the PLAYER must contact the Coach for a meeting first.

- If after the original Coach/Athlete meeting the matter is still not resolved the parent and player may request a meeting with the Coach.
  - If after the Parent/Athlete & Coach meet the matter is still not resolved then a meeting with the Head Coach or Club Administration may be requested per the family.
    - **\*\*Please do not contact the club administration or head coach immediately with concerns- follow the proper chain of command and show our players that we are all able to follow protocol. \*\***
  - NO MEETING MAY EVER OCCUR AT A TOURNAMENT- please allow 24 hours to pass before meeting with a coach following a tournament.
- At no time is a parent to approach a Coach in a negative fashion in the practice gym, a tournament, or during the season.

### **Parental Conversations:**

**Basic Rule:** If you have nothing positive to say, say nothing at all.

Discussing negative comments or criticizing FVC coaches, administrators, Chaperones, or players will not be permitted. This creates a negative culture Among our families that we will not tolerate. If you have questions for a coach Or administrator please direct your question to them directly as opposed to discussing The matter with other parents or players. Please set a good example for your daughter by Showing respect to our staff and complying with the rules and decisions of the FreeState Volleyball Club.

- Remember that you represent the club, your daughters, and the coaches when you are at tournaments or in the volleyball community. A good general rule of thumb would be that if you don't think the club would approve of it please don't do it. This includes:
  - Yelling at referee's/lines judges/scorekeepers, other volleyball players, alcohol at tournaments, using profane language, etc.

### **Parental Consequences:**

- Just like our athletes are held to a standard so too are our families. We reserve the right to choose a consequence befitting the violation depending on the severity of the infraction.
- 1st Violation of Parent Commitment (depending on severity)- conversation with Head Coach or Administration
  - Follow up conversation with Head Coach required
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation of Parent Commitment (depending on severity)- meeting with Head Coach & Administration
  - Dismissal from practice viewing
  - No further communication with the coaching staff except when the Head Coach or Administration are present
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Violation of Parent Commitment (depending on severity)- meeting with Head Coach, Administration, Athlete & Parent
  - Dismissal from Tournaments
  - Dismissal from Team
  - No further communication with the coaching staff except when the Head Coach or Administration are present

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