

New Prague JO Volleyball Parent/Player Meeting

Attendance:

- Players are expected to attend ALL practices and tournaments.
- If you cannot attend practice or a tournament, you must notify your coach as soon as possible. Excused absences include family, church, illness and/or school functions (dance).
- Playtime will be affected for players who are repeatedly absent from practice and /or tournament matches for unexcused reasons such as hair cuts, homework, shopping, jobs etc.
- Excessive absenteeism affects the entire team as each player has a specific role on the team. One unexcused absence results in the player sitting out a set at the upcoming tournament. The second results in sitting out a match. After three unexcused absences, the club president will meet with parents.

New Absenteeism Policy:

Unexcused absences:

- Two or more practices and/or competitions without letting the coach know.
- Notification the same day or night for a previously scheduled event i.e., a choir concert, dress rehearsal, basketball tournament, family event, etc.
- Not giving advanced notice where the athlete needs to come late or leave early.

Excused absences:

- School work should always come first. If an athlete is missing practice due to homework or studying for a test, this would take priority as long as it is not excessive.
- Illness or injury is an excused absence.

Multi-sport Players:

- If an athlete is in other sports/activities that conflict with practices or play events on a consistent basis, there must be a balance of which activity gets attended. Playing time may be affected if a player is consistently missing practices and play events due to other sports/activities.

Monitoring and repercussions are the coach's responsibility. If unexcused absences become excessive to the point where it is affecting the team, the coach may work with the NPJO board on consequences and may include expulsion from NPJO program. If expelled from NPJO for breaking NPJO policies, player's fees must be paid in full and will not be refunded.

Attitude:

- Respect your fellow team members. Encourage them on and off the court.
- Attitude is how you think and react; it is one of the pillars of each person's foundation.
- Attitude is what separates a winner from a loser.
- Attitude is what you become as opposed to what you could be.
- Attitude has no limits and no boundaries.
- Your attitude affects what you become in life and with a winning **Attitude** you become a winner.

Practice:

- All players must arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled practice time.
- Athletes must remove jewelry and have hair up in a ponytail/pigtails.
- Volleyball shoes are to be carried into practice and only worn during practice time. This helps to keep our practice surfaces clean.
- Place all belongings inside the gym during practice. Do not leave them in the hallway. NPJO Volleyball is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Practice sessions are open to parents to watch from the track area only.
- If the player cannot attend practice, they must contact their coach in advance. It is the player's responsibility (not the parents) to reach out to their coach.
- Players **MUST** bring a labeled and unbreakable water bottle to all practices and tournaments.
- Sunday practices - the doors to the school are locked and **CANNOT** be propped open. Prior to practice, coaches will let players in. Please make sure the door closes behind you.
- Please download the **SportsEngine** app as this will be the main source of communication for coaches, players, and parents.

Tournaments:

- All players must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled tournament time or as directed by their coach.
- Parents are responsible for providing transportation for their player to and from all tournaments.
- All players are expected to attend every tournament. If the player cannot attend, the player is expected to inform their coach as soon as they know they will be absent.

- Players cannot leave the tournament until excused by the coach at the end of both playing and referee sessions. The player is expected to stay for the entire tournament including referee responsibilities. We leave as a team not individuals.
- Depending on the tournament site, outside food may NOT be allowed, and money will be needed to purchase food and drink.
- On occasion a coach may not be at a tournament. A substitute coach will be provided.
- If you as a parent have a concern (playing time, etc.) during a tournament, please do not approach the coach the day of the tournament and abide by the 24 hour rule. If a parent approaches a coach during a tournament, the coach has been told to refuse to discuss any controversial matters and refer parent to the Club President.

Conflict Resolution:

- Step 1: Athlete needs to discuss matter/concern with coach. The player should speak or meet with their coach 24 hours after the event. They should email their coach to set up a meeting. The meeting should be face to face to discuss their concerns and determine next steps.
- Step 2: Athlete, parent, and coach discuss matter/concern. If the matter is not resolved, the parent should speak or meet with the coach. Parents should email their coach to set up a meeting time. Meetings are to be times and locations other than practice or during tournaments.
- Step 3: Athlete, parent, coach, and Club President. If the matter remains unresolved, the parent may contact the President and request a meeting. The president will not engage with parents about coaching decisions.

Team Movement:

On occasion a player may be asked to substitute on another team for a specific weekend event or scrimmage. This is not unusual and often gives an opportunity for additional playing times.

Cancellations:

If NPJO cancels practice due to weather or for any other reason, cancellations will be posted to the website (npjovolleyball.com). Coaches will send an update through the SportsEngine app.

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Program updates from NPJO will be posted to the website. Please make sure to check the website often.

Website: npjovolleyball.com