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VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

Ducks Volleyball Club is committed to providing athletes with a positive, safe, inclusive and rewarding volleyball experience.

Parents and guardians have an important influence on their athlete's experience in sport. The behaviour of adults on the sidelines, in the gym, during travel and in communication with athletes, coaches and officials contributes directly to the environment we create for our athletes.

For the purposes of this Code, **"parent" includes parents, guardians and other adults responsible for or supporting a Ducks athlete.**

By registering an athlete with Ducks Volleyball Club, parents agree to the following expectations.

Parent & Guardian Commitments

1. Respect & Sportsmanship

I will treat athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, other parents, spectators, opponents and facility staff with dignity, courtesy and respect.

I will not engage in behaviour or comments that are abusive, threatening, intimidating, harassing, discriminatory, profane or otherwise disrespectful.

2. Model Positive Behaviour

I understand that my behaviour influences my athlete and others around me.

I will model sportsmanship, integrity, self-control and respect, and will encourage my athlete to demonstrate these same qualities.

3. Support Athlete Development

I will encourage effort, learning, teamwork, resilience and skill development rather than focusing only on results.

I will recognize that athletes develop at different rates and will avoid negatively comparing my athlete's ability, role, opportunities or performance with other athletes.

4. Respect Coaches & Coaching Decisions

I understand that coaches are responsible for athlete development and for decisions involving training, positions, lineups, substitutions, playing time, team composition and game strategy.

I may respectfully ask appropriate questions about my athlete's development, but I will not coach from the sidelines, interfere with coaching, instruct athletes during competition, or attempt to direct coaches regarding team or game decisions.

5. Respect Officials

I will respect the decisions and authority of referees and other officials.



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I will not confront, insult, threaten or argue with officials or question their integrity during competition.

6. Appropriate Spectator Behaviour

I will support my athlete and their team positively and respectfully.

I will not engage in inappropriate interactions with opposing athletes, coaches, parents or spectators.

I understand that Ducks Volleyball Club may require a parent or spectator to leave a venue or Club activity where their behaviour is disruptive, inappropriate or unsafe.

7. Athlete Health & Well-Being

I will support my athlete's physical and emotional well-being and will not pressure them to participate when injured or unwell.

I will ensure that relevant injuries, illnesses or safety concerns are appropriately communicated to the coaching staff.

8. Attendance & Communication

I will make reasonable efforts to ensure my athlete arrives on time and prepared for practices, competitions and other required team activities.

Where my athlete will be absent or late, I will ensure that the coach is notified through the team's established communication process.

9. Concerns & Conflict Resolution

I will follow the **Ducks Volleyball Club Concerns, Complaints & Dispute Resolution Policy** when raising concerns about my athlete, coach or team.

I understand that non-urgent concerns involving playing time, athlete roles or coaching decisions are subject to the Club's **48-hour communication rule**.

I will not approach a coach during a match, practice or at a tournament site to discuss playing time, coaching decisions or other disputes.

Whenever appropriate, I will encourage my athlete to communicate directly with their coach and participate in discussions concerning their own volleyball experience.

Safety concerns, suspected misconduct and Safe Sport concerns do not need to follow the normal team-level process and should be reported through the appropriate Club or Volleyball BC reporting pathway.

10. Respect Athlete and Team Boundaries

I will allow athletes and coaches appropriate space before, during and immediately following practices and competition.

I will not enter team benches, athlete areas, change rooms or other restricted team spaces unless invited or authorized to do so.



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11. Social Media & Electronic Communication

I will use social media, messaging, email and other electronic communication responsibly.

I will not use these platforms to criticize, embarrass, harass or target an athlete, coach, official, parent, team or the Club.

Concerns about Ducks Volleyball Club, its coaches or its programs should be addressed through the Club's established communication and complaint processes rather than through public or social media disputes.

12. Substance-Free Youth Environment

I will not provide alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, vaping products, illegal drugs or other prohibited substances to minors participating in Ducks Volleyball Club activities.

I will not encourage or provide performance-enhancing substances contrary to applicable sport rules or law.

13. Respect for Property & Facilities

I will respect Club, tournament, accommodation and facility property and will encourage my athlete to do the same.

I understand that individuals may be held responsible for damage resulting from intentional or inappropriate behaviour.

14. Team & Club Community

I will contribute positively to the team and Club community.

Where possible, I will assist with reasonable team responsibilities such as transportation, scorekeeping, linesperson duties, tournament responsibilities or other team needs.

I understand that many of these responsibilities are shared among families and help support the successful operation of the team.

15. Club & Volleyball BC Policies

I will comply with applicable Ducks Volleyball Club policies and Codes of Conduct.

During Volleyball BC-sanctioned activities, I will also comply with the **Volleyball BC Code of Conduct and Ethics** and applicable Volleyball BC policies.

Accountability

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in corrective or disciplinary action.



Depending on the nature and seriousness of the conduct, consequences may include a warning, behavioural expectations, restrictions on attendance at practices, games or Club activities, removal from a venue, suspension of Club privileges or other appropriate action.

Serious or repeated violations may be addressed through the Ducks Volleyball Club **Concerns, Complaints & Dispute Resolution Policy** and/or referred to Volleyball BC where applicable.

Parent & Guardian Acknowledgement

By registering my athlete for or participating in a Ducks Volleyball Club team, program or activity, I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to follow the **Ducks Volleyball Club Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct**.

I understand that my conduct contributes to the experience of my athlete and everyone participating in the Ducks Volleyball Club community.

Forever Fearless. Forever Family. Forever A Duck.