

2014/2015 Gulf Coast Region - USA Volleyball CODE OF ETHICS

All coaches and administrators of Junior Olympic Volleyball Clubs registered with the Gulf Coast Region must agree to conduct themselves according to this code by their signature:

- I. All head coaches must be twenty-one (21) or older. Assistant coaches must be eighteen (18) or older. All coaches must be current members of the Gulf Coast Region with proper background screens current.
- II. Coaches must inform athletes and their parent/guardian that all participants must register online with the Gulf Coast Region and parents must verify signature with Driver License number. As well as secure signed Notarized Medical Release that is to be carried to all club events.
- III. Coaches must inform athletes and their parent/guardian of USAV policies regarding transferring from one club to another after the athlete has registered with a club.
- IV. A duly registered coach will be present with each team at sanctioned tournaments and events. At least one coach will be present at all team practices.
- V. Coaches must inform athletes and their parent/guardian of the methods used in financing their programs and the costs for dues, travel, tournaments, equipment, and special events.
- VI. Coaches may give information regarding their club if requested by an athlete or parent/guardian. Such information must not relate to promises or inducements for the athlete to leave the club with which they are registered or the club with which they were registered in the previous season.
- VII. Once an athlete has committed verbally or in writing to a club for the season, a coach of another club, or officer of another club, parent/guardian or athlete from another club **MAY NOT** contact the athlete for the purpose of persuading them to leave the club to which they have given their commitment.
- VIII. Coaches will be knowledgeable of high school athletic rules and policies in their state and will conduct club activities in full accordance with those rules and policies.
- IX. Coaches will advise only in those areas within the reasonable boundaries of their competence. Coaches will ensure that all activities being undertaken are suitable for the age, fitness, ability, and experience level of the athletes being taught. Coaches and administrators will not engage in or condone any harassment, abusive actions, or coercion of athletes, and will treat all athletes with equal respect. Coaches will adhere to the Safe Sport standards set forth by USAV
- X. Coaches will provide a positive role model by acting politely and respectfully to all athletes, parents, and officials.
- XI. Coaches will recognize the worth and dignity of each individual and will work to advance the welfare of those who seek their assistance and advice. Coaches will work with every athlete in the team/club.
- XII. Coaches will not supply or condone the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
- XIII. Coaches will not participate in, require, or condone any action by an athlete or parent/guardian which is illegal under civil or criminal codes.

I certify that I have read the above Code of Ethics and will abide by this code while working in a Volleyball program of the Gulf Coast Region of USAV. I also understand that a violation of this code will result in sanctions against me as well as the club I coach with/for.

Club Name _____

Print Name _____ Birthday _____

Signature

Date Signed

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