

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT
(Expectations for Parents of MVC Athletes)

The **Mountain Volleyball Club** supports a philosophy of athletic competition that is guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship and fair play. To this end, all parties (coaches, chaperones, athletes, parents and spectators) must recognize that our students' participation in volleyball is an extension of society. For this reason, the parents of MVC athletes (and their guests) must demonstrate behaviours that support a positive atmosphere. Therefore, we expect the parents of the athletes (and their guests) to adhere the following:

- Remember that athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Be a positive role model through their own actions to make sure that the athlete has the best experience possible.
- Praise athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, players and people.
- Recognize and show appreciation for outstanding play by either team.
- Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.
- Gain an understanding of, and appreciation of the rules of the game and the policies of the Ontario Volleyball Association
- Demonstrate positive support for officials and be respectful of all officials' decisions
- Support athletes in their efforts to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Discourage any language or behaviour that would incite violence or would endanger the health or well being of athletes.
- Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, athlete or parent such as booing and taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
- Refrain from ridiculing or yelling at an athlete for making a mistake or bad decision.
- Emphasize skill development and practices (and how they benefit the athlete in achieving their goal to win)
- Refrain from coaching athletes before, during or after games and practices unless you are one of the official coaches of the team
- Respect the authority of the coach during games and refrain from questioning, challenging or confronting coaches at the game site. Take time to talk with the coaches in an appropriate manner, including proper time and place (eg. 24 hour "cooling period")
- When there is a concern, follow the designated chain of authority (Coach, Club President)
- Reinforce the club's alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free policy

*Parents(and their guests) who engage in behaviour that violates the **Parent Code of Conduct** may be subject to sanctions or removal from competitions that athletes associated with the Mountain Volleyball Club participate in.*

I have read and understand the **Parent Code of Conduct** and as the parent/guardian, agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards of the Mountain Volleyball Club

Athlete's Name (Please Print) _____

Team: _____ for the Year: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

The signed document is to be submitted to the parent rep and forwarded to the head coach prior to participation in any, practice, tournament or exhibition play associated with the Mountain Volleyball Club