

CODE OF CONDUCT

Players–Parents/Guardians–Coaches

2025/2026



1. The Code of Conduct presents SVC's expectations of all players, parents/guardians, and coaches.
2. All participants (players, coaches, parents, managers, and administrators) in practices, competitions, meetings, and any other activities, under the authority of Spartans Volleyball Club (SVC) have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner. They must avoid all unsportsmanlike conduct, acts or practices, which are detrimental to the Club, Volleyball NB, and the sport of volleyball.

3. AS A PLAYER YOU WILL:

- 3.1. Participate in volleyball alcohol and drug free.
- 3.2. Play by the rules of the game and in the spirit of the sport.
- 3.3. Have a positive attitude towards volleyball.
- 3.4. Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes bullying or harassment, both on and off the court.
- 3.5. Not cause or provoke any form of personal abuse, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse, towards other athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators or members of the public.
- 3.6. Respect your teammates, coaches, club, opponents, and all members of the public.
- 3.7. Recognize that having fun, helping others, and doing your best are more important than winning.
- 3.8. Respect and accept decisions made by coaches and officials.
- 3.9. Remember that coaches and officials are there to help you.
- 3.10. Demonstrate punctuality and diligence in both practice and competition.
- 3.11. Behave graciously in triumph or defeat.
- 3.12. Remember to be a true team player because volleyball is a team sport.
- 3.13. Respect and care for facilities you use with your team: gyms, schools, hotels, restaurants, etc.
- 3.14. Remember not to use volleyballs in school hallways or hotel rooms.
- 3.15. Respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to volleyball.
- 3.16. Be respectful of other athletes, teams, or clubs on social media.
- 3.17. Stay at home when not feeling well.
- 3.18. Recognize that any conduct that violates the SVC Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action such as a warning, suspension, or expulsion from SVC (see Section 6).

4. AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN YOU WILL:

- 4.1. Attend volleyball events alcohol and drug free.
- 4.2. Remember that children play volleyball for their enjoyment and development, not for the enjoyment and development of the parent.
- 4.3. Demonstrate through positive words and action the spirit of the game, leadership, and ethical conduct.
- 4.4. Encourage your child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without hostility or violence.
- 4.5. Acknowledge hard work—win or lose.
- 4.6. Emphasize the cooperative nature of the sport.
- 4.7. Ensure your child is at practices, games, and other team/club activities at scheduled times and locations.
- 4.8. Support and respect coaches' rules and decisions.
- 4.9. Respect and accept decisions made by officials.
- 4.10. Observe a 24-hour waiting period before contacting coaches, club or league officials, after any incident. All communications should be respectful and courteous.
- 4.11. Be polite and courteous as a spectator using only appropriate language and behaviours.
- 4.12. Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes bullying or harassment.
- 4.13. Not cause or provoke any form of personal abuse, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse, towards athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators or members of the public.
- 4.14. Be respectful of other athletes, teams, or clubs on social media.
- 4.15. Pay team fees by due dates.
- 4.16. Assist, when possible, with club/team fundraising and events.
- 4.17. Recognize that any conduct that violates the SVC Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action such as a warning, suspension, or expulsion from SVC (see Section 6).

5. AS A COACH YOU WILL:

- 5.1. Participate in volleyball alcohol and drug free.
- 5.2. Coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes.
- 5.3. Ensure that all players receive equal instruction and support.
- 5.4. Have the objective to develop their skills to the best of your ability.
- 5.5. Teach players to participate fairly in the spirit of good sportsmanship, and to respect the rules, coaches, officials, and opponents.
- 5.6. Ensure the team is properly always supervised for their safety and to ensure they are behaving to the standards set by the team and SVC.
- 5.7. Lead by example and demonstrate good sportsmanship and leadership qualities.
- 5.8. Treat opposing coaches and athletes with respect.
- 5.9. Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes bullying or harassment.
- 5.10. Not cause or provoke any form of personal abuse, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse, towards athletes, other coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators or members of the public.
- 5.11. Never yell at officials.
- 5.12. Work cooperatively with officials for the benefit of the game.
- 5.13. Be respectful of other athletes, teams, or clubs on social media.

- 5.14.** Recognize that any conduct that violates the SVC Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action such as a warning, suspension, or expulsion from SVC (see Section 6).

6. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 6.1.** Committing any act which is considered an offence under any duly promulgated law
Penalty: Suspension for one year plus
- 6.2.** Willfully damaging property
Penalty: Replacement of damaged property and suspension from one month plus
- 6.3.** Cheating:
- 6.3.1. Entering a competition and then failing to appear without valid reason and adequate notice
 - 6.3.2. Defaulting a game or match in a competition except as a result of injuries or other valid reasons
 - 6.3.3. Withdrawing a team from a match except as a result of injuries or other valid reasons
 - 6.3.4. Playing in a competition under an assumed name, falsifying a team entry form or giving false information to a tournament official
- Penalty: Forfeit for the tournament plus fine equal to the registration fee and/or suspension from two weeks to one year for a team or an individual
- 6.4.** Violence:
- 6.4.1. Showing outward displays of temper
 - 6.4.2. Deliberately throwing or hitting a ball in the direction of an official, spectator, or opponent
 - 6.4.3. Threatening bodily injury to anyone
- Penalty: Suspension from three months plus
- 6.5.** Poor Attitude:
- 6.5.1. Swearing at an official, lines judge, scorekeeper, spectators, or opponent
 - 6.5.2. Using profanity or obscene language or gestures
- Penalty: Suspension from two weeks plus
- 6.6.** Illegal use of banned substances while representing SVC
Penalty: Suspension from one month plus

7. DEFINITIONS

- 7.1.** Player: An individual participation as an athlete in Spartans organized events
- 7.2.** Coach: An individual taking a leadership role with a group of athletes
- 7.3.** Parent: The legal guardian of an individual participating in a Spartans event
- 7.4.** Bullying: A verbal, physical, or mental act committed with the intent to harass, intimidate, or cause harm to the individual
- 7.5.** Harassment: any unwanted behaviour, whether physical, verbal, written, or otherwise, that may offend, or humiliate an individual