

# VOLLEYWOOD BEACH ACADEMY



## Volleywood Indoor Policies

Parents and players should not consider the following to be a complete set of rules. Instead, these policies are representative of the high standards for VBA.

### General

- 1.1 Participation is open to all without regard to race, religious beliefs, or national origin.

### Player

- 2.1 Players are expected to maintain a courteous manner during all club activities including practices, travel to and from tournaments, both on and off the court. A player whose conduct is deemed improper may be dismissed from practice, a tournament, or the club entirely.
- 2.2 Possession and/or use of drugs or alcohol (and any dangerous substance or item) are strictly prohibited and violation of these rules will be grounds for expulsion from the club without refund of fees.
- 2.3 Each **PLAYER** is responsible for notifying her coach of any physical ailment or injury that may affect her ability to play or to attend a practice.

### Parents

- 3.1 No coaching
- 3.2 Directors and Coaches have complete charge of their teams. Players and parents are expected to respect the directors and coaches decisions and requests.
- 3.3 Problems that arise should be dealt with in the following order: **(1) player and coach**; (2) parent, player, and coach; (3) Assistant Director of Indoor, parent, player, and coach; (4) Director, Assistant Director of Indoor, parent, player and coach. Open communication is everyone's responsibility. All coaches and the directors are available to resolve problems. Following the chain of command is, however, essential. This allows players to learn to take responsibility for themselves, it prevents micro managing of the teams, and it preserves a reasonable administrative workload.
- 3.4 The places and times we choose for communication has a great deal to do with its ultimate success. Players and parents should request to meet with the coach to discuss any issues.
- 3.5 Parents are encouraged to talk with coaches at appropriate times, yet should avoid discussing any player/coach conflict situations during competition or in the presence of any team member. Parents **MAY NOT** discuss their daughter's or other athletes playing time with the coach on the day of competition, including before or after competition. Lack of cooperation with this will result in the player being asked to leave with the parent.
- 3.6 Making disruptive or negative comments (whether towards tournament officials, team members, staff, or opponents) is prohibited. Negative comments, parent sideline coaching, or even extreme displays of support of your daughter can be disruptive to the team effort and are not permitted.
- 3.7 Parents are encouraged to wear VBA gear at tournaments and events.

### Practices

- 4.1 VBA practices are open to parents and guardians unless otherwise indicated by the Director or Assistant Director of Indoor. Parents and guardians will have a designated area for observation.

## **Financial**

5.1 Any player whose account is not up to date may be prohibited from practice or participation in tournaments.

5.2 Payment Schedule of season

1. Initial payment due the day of tryouts along with the tryout fee

2. Monthly payments due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

\$25 late fee if payments not received by the due date

Payments may be given to the Director of VBA or made online at  
<https://www.volleywoodbeachacademy.com/make-payment/>

5.3 When committing to play on a team you are obligated to pay the full tuition. Our expenses do not drop when a player stops participation with the club or team for any reason. No refunds will be given and payment will be expected in full.

Club Director has final say on whether a member of the club will be refunded fees based on disciplinary suspension/expulsion from the club, or failure to follow AAU & USAV Volleyball procedures and rules by a player or a parent.

## **Travel**

6.1 Tournament registration fees are included in the tuition. Any tournaments added to the schedule will be agreed upon by directors, coaches, parents, and players. Costs will be split by each athlete who chooses to attend.

6.2 The travel calendar is set. Changes will be considered based on input from the coaches.

6.3 Refunds for player absence from a tournament: Every player is expected to attend every tournament, if an athlete does not attend a tournament, there will be no refund given.

6.4 Players may never drive to or from a tournament without the parent first informing the coach of such instances.

6.5 All teams travel together to out of state tournaments. This includes air and ground transportation to and during the event, meals, and accommodations. Exceptions are made at the club's discretion, when available.

6.6 All teams will terminate play after the AAU Regional Championships unless they qualify for USAV Junior Nationals or AAU Nationals or as indicated by the VBA Director. We expect all players to complete the season, barring injury or other emergency.

6.7 All VBA teams will travel with a parent chaperone. Due to USAV rules, every chaperone (and coach) must undergo a background check and complete required SafeSport Training. Each VBA team will have one designated chaperone who will attend USAV Junior Nationals should the team qualify. At Junior Nationals, the official chaperone must be present, although other parents may assist in the duties as permitted by USAV rules. When a trip includes air travel, the team will assume the chaperone's airfare. At their own discretion, chaperones may relieve the team of the cost of their airfare. Hotel charges will remain the responsibility of the chaperone. When no parents are willing to chaperone and pay their own hotel costs, the team will assume the additional expense and each family will be billed prior to leaving for the tournament.

6.8 Travel: VBA will not book travel for parents and athletes, with the exception of the team chaperone. As soon as we choose a team hotel, it will be posted on our web site. When permitted by the hotel, we will block rooms for parents to call the hotel directly. Please be advised, many hotels do not allow this practice so VBA may no longer be able to reserve rooms in parent blocks.

## **Fundraising**

7.1 We are always willing to work with families who have a desire to fundraise. Any parent interested in leading this effort should contact the Director of VBA directly.

## **Sponsors**

8.1 There are always players for whom volleyball is a financial impossibility. If no fundraising options are available, the club may seek sponsors. If you or someone you know would be able to make a sponsorship towards another player's

tuition or the club, please contact the VBA Director. Sponsorships will be kept confidential if requested. Visit the "Become A Sponsor" page for sponsorship tiers. Payment can be made by check or through the Sponsorship payment portal.

#### **Financial Aid**

9.1 VBA will work with families in financial need. In such cases, a package will be worked out including some combination of the following:

- A. Fundraising
- B. Player-originated sponsorships – players receive 100% of sponsorships acquired

#### **Website**

10.1 We maintain a web site at [www.VolleywoodBeachAcademy.com](http://www.VolleywoodBeachAcademy.com). This site includes information for parents, athletes and coaches, including practice and tournament information, event registration, calendars, payment portal, & fan gear. Each team will be able to add content as needed.

#### **Administration**

11.1 VBA has two staff members involved in administration:

1. David Wood ([VolleywoodBeachAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:VolleywoodBeachAcademy@gmail.com))

Is the Founder/Owner/Director of the club and in charge of all business and financial matters. He keeps track of all payments. If you need to know whether a payment was received or you need to check your account balance, contact Coach Wood. Coach Wood also handles all registration matters.

2. Scott Painter ([VolleywoodBeachAcademy.Painter@gmail.com](mailto:VolleywoodBeachAcademy.Painter@gmail.com))

Is the VBA Assistant Director of Indoor. Coach Painter is responsible for day-to-day matters such as practice schedule, travel, player and staff development, policy enforcement, and playing time.

#### **Uniforms**

12.1 Uniforms are included in the tuition fee for the season, which typically includes:

- 1-2 jerseys
- T-shirt
- Warm up top
- Backpack
- Headband

12.2 Each club level (National, Regional & Local) will have a specific uniform package

12.3 Additional items may be purchased.

12.4 VBA Attire (for parents) will be available for purchase at practices, events, or at [www.VolleywoodBeachAcademy.com](http://www.VolleywoodBeachAcademy.com)

#### **Playing Time**

13.1 Playing time is always a sensitive issue in team sports. We want your experience to be positive, so we feel setting clear expectations is important. This information is intended to communicate how the club handles the sensitive subject of playing time at tournaments. Athletes can expect that playing time will be managed differently depending on team, age, and level. The following guidelines are intended to allow families to read, acknowledge, and appreciate the complexities of club playing time and what development means at the competitive club level. The purpose of Volleywood Beach Academy's playing time policy is to document and communicate the club-wide guidelines in advance to ensure that those who commit to VBA understand what factors will be used to determine playing time over the course of the season. As well, the Club establishes a process whereby a player/parent can raise concerns, if they believe the coach is not implementing the policy consistently on their respective team. Whereas "house"-level programs advocate "equal playing time", the Club-level does not advocate equal playing time, rather "earned playing time." However, the Club does believe that all players should receive equal training opportunities at practice. In volleyball, there are four (4) types of games – scrimmages, pool-play, playoffs/medal-brackets, and regionals/qualifiers. Most players will receive some playing time during scrimmages and pool play at the discretion of the coach and Asst. Director. However, in playoffs/medal-brackets and playoffs or regionals/qualifiers, the factors below will be used to determine playing time:

1. Ability to execute during competition
2. Ability to perform specific skills needed or play specific position during competition
3. Performance in practice (including skills, attitude and dedication)
4. Attendance/level of commitment to the team
5. Overall contribution, in whatever capacity, to the success of the team

Athletic propensity dictates what position a person plays, the performance in practice dictates how and when the

player will be utilized in tournaments. Another factor that may influence court time is how the player adds to or distracts from the team's performance as compared to a teammate who plays the same position.

**Equal playing time is not a guarantee simply because club fees are paid.** The fee structure provides a learning experience and a whole host of other benefits (coaches, practice time, tournament fees, uniforms, gym rental, costs associated with running a club, etc.). During a tournament (i.e. game-day), coaches are constantly adjusting and evaluating line-ups, which means that some players will receive more court time than others. Players are expected to understand and accept their role as defined by the coach, and concede that the collective performance of the collective team has priority – over the individual player. Volleyball is a positional sport -- some positions naturally have more playing time than others. Coaches are not required to deliver a minimum playing time.

**Being part of the club is intended to provide each player with improvement opportunities** through structured practices and training that focus on skill development, team play, and mental toughness. We also believe players must show every effort to improve and work through the challenges of improving. Sometimes, this process can be frustrating, but a player's work ethic and mental focus are key to becoming a better volleyball player, as well as conquering other challenges outside of volleyball. We believe improvement is first demonstrated at practice. Court sense, maturity, attitude, and abilities shown at practices will influence tournament playing time and team success.

**Winning is an important part of the club performance.** While VBA does not believe in winning at all costs, we do believe that players and teams who show a combination of positive mental attitude and physical ability will experience more success in matches. If players do not show respect for winning and the desire to win by improving and working hard at practices, and ensuring a positive attitude toward the game, their coach and teammates, then the team's ability to win is lessened. Playing time is likely to be adjusted for skills performance and mental attitude at practices and at games.

Under no circumstances is it permissible for a parent or player to approach a coach or director during competition or at a tournament site to discuss playing time. Players and parents are required to wait 24 hours after a tournament before initiating any type of communication with a coach regarding playing time issues. If a player is concerned or unclear about her role on the team, the player should initiate a meeting with her coach to discuss the matter either before or after practice.

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Please sign and date below and return to your coach!

I have read and agree to follow the above policies:

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

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Athlete Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date