

# **Kings County Whiplash Volleyball Club**

## **Athletic Code of conduct & Partnership agreement**

Representing Kings County Whiplash Volleyball Club is a privilege that our athletes, parents, and coaches must accept with a full sense of responsibility. It is understood that everyone represents our club, and the image one demonstrates will be regarded as the standard of Whiplash Volleyball. It is our goal that our image is a positive one that will enhance our club both inside and outside of the community. The accepted kind of behavior and attitude is expected to be shown at practice, events, and all Whiplash related functions.

The Code of conduct shall act as the guide by which all members of whiplash volleyball (*immediate family, extended family, and coaches*) will conduct themselves in any endeavor, and through any capacity. The Code contained herein covers the areas of personal behavior, attitude, courtesy, and sportsmanship that are all required with your one-year commitment to whiplash Volleyball.

Each member of Whiplash is required to thoroughly review this code of conduct, and should keep a copy, to refer to if necessary.

### **General behavior (Includes coach/players/parents)**

**Language** - the use of profane or improper language is not acceptable. Extreme verbal outburst show a lack of self-control and immaturity. This reflects on Whiplash as well as the individual

**Attitude**- there is an expectation that everyone involved with Whiplash be respectful, courteous, mature, and cooperative always. Individuals should conduct themselves with the knowledge that they and they alone are responsible for their own actions.

**Relationships** – Whiplash will not intervene in the relationships between players or parents where issues exist. Should any personal issues exist prior to the start of season or occur during season, it is expected that all parties involved, will conduct themselves in a professional manner. Should personal issues become team issues, all parties will be removed if unable to resolve.

**Sportsmanship** – Fair play in all practice and game situations is required. Our athletes are expected to perform to the best of their ability within the context of the rules. Sportsmanship and fair play to teammates, opponents, and officials should be in the forefront of our (*players/parents/coaches*) minds.

**Improve Surroundings** – Whiplash wants to leave a venue in better condition than we arrived. It is required we clean up after ourselves at practice, tournaments, and all other functions we attend.

Social Media – Everyone should be aware the things they post are as serious as the things they do. All post on social media relating to Whiplash should of a positive nature. Things of a negative nature should be brought to respective head coach involving the team or club director involving the overall club.

Initiation, intimidation, bullying, or physical aggression – Team initiation often intimidates new team members by forcing them to preform acts that are deemed offensive, unsafe, humiliating, or in poor taste. For these reasons, there shall be no initiation of teammates. In addition to that intimidation, bullying, or aggression of any kind; physical or cyber will be strictly prohibited. (This will be considered a serious offense and if found guilty of such acts, it will result in immediate dismissal from the team and program for the current season and possible future seasons.) If any accusations are made and investigation will be made first.

### Practice and games procedures

Food & Drink – Certain events will require parents to coordinate with each other and set up a team camp site. It is required that everyone participates in setting up a camp site for the team at designated events. We will give a recommend food list follow for athletes during play. We also need to create a place for the girls to bond during downtime.

Attendance & Tardiness – We can make every individual who attends practice a better player, but we can't make individuals a better team unless they are all there on a consistent basis. Every practice and event are mandatory, and it is expected that everyone will make every effort to attend. We understand that school sports, academics, family, and religious events take priority. We also recognize that emergencies do happen last minute.

**Please note:** Everyone must recognize that lack of attendance/tardiness for both practices and events will result loss of play time. The final two practices before an event are essential and failure to attend those practices will result in a forfeit of the play time policy.

**Please note:** If unable to attend an event the club requires a 14-day notice. If the event is a travel event you are required to turn your room over to the club, in case a replacement player is needed for the weekend. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a \$100 late cancelation fine.

**Please note:** Whiplash works to keep its teams small to maximize coaching and play time at both practice and events. Your attendance is essential and your commitment to be at every event and finish the season regardless of the season is essential.

**Please note:** Everyone will be required to use the sport engine app to notify coach of practice and event attendance. Additionally, each respective coach may also have additional punishments for tardiness and lack of attendance without valid reason.

Game Responsibility – It is USAV/NCVA policy that teams and coaches are required to ref games at events. Working assignments will either be handled by head coach or left to the team to delegate. All players are required to stay at each event until the team is either done playing or has completed all working assignments. Please note unless head coach has approved it for an extenuating circumstance no player is allowed to leave the event until it has come to a conclusion and the team has been cleared to leave. If we would have made time to stay and play then the same time would still remain for ref assignments.

Playing Time – Play time is issued at the discretion of the head coach of each team. Our coaching staff will make every effort and attempt to make sure all athletes are getting a chance to play. Everyone must recognize that there will be games especially at upper levels of play where some players will get limited time. Club policy is that each player receives three rotations one set per game or the equivalent two rotations per set.

**Please note:** play time is not equal nor fair, whiplash will always acknowledge that your athlete may not be playing as much as you would like them to be playing, but if they are on the court they are physically playing. We do not offer any player a spot in our program without a purpose for them on each team.

**Please note:** when looking at play time we do not go by minutes as you would in other sports, time is a variable we do not control as we do not have a running clock. There may be times when your athlete is on the court for an extended period of time as well as the opposite. In these situations teams that are in control of the serve will be able to keep that group on the court for a longer period of time.

**Please Note:** coaches will not discuss the playtime of another athlete that is not your own with you. Only your own athlete will be discussed in such scenarios

**Please note:** for questions regarding play time it is expected that the player will talk to coach first, should any player feel the decision is being handled poorly and without volleyball merit, then you should contact club director.

**Please note:** Only calm conversations will take place, should any situation become hostile we will immediately end the conversation and be rescheduled

## Parent Guidelines

Parent line of communication – parent will speak with athlete first about any issues that exist, should issues go unresolved after athlete has spoken to coach, then parent should contact club director.

General Communication – We will use GroupMe for all general communication between coaches/parents and coaches/players. Coaches/admin will post all high priority information on sport engine chat and only coaches/admin will be allowed to post on sport engine.

Parent area – During practices/events there will be a designated area for players/coaches and parents/spectators. During events the bench and table are not designated parent areas, during practices we will list parent areas on our venue page.

Parent participation – All in attendance are required to support our code of conduct as this will address many situations at practice, tournaments, and events. While attending games and supporting your child, parent behavior should be in line with the expectations we have in our code of conduct for our athletes.

Sideline coaching - is strictly prohibited, in order for coaching staff to coach effectively we can't compete for attention with our athletes from the stands. Sideline coaching is prohibited at both events and practices. Should you have any issues with coaching staff and their work please contact club director.

**Please note:** for any and all concerns/issues brought to club director, the director will bring all of these to the Whiplash board for review and discussion before finalizing in any answer. In addition to that any issues/concern brought to club director regarding your athlete will be followed up with the athlete in questions in all occurrences no exceptions.

Traveling – Each family will handle their own travel plans during the course of the season as we have no required place to stay for teams, for player traveling together please understand you are accepting the responsibility that both will be there. Should you travel with a player who plays more than yourself you will not receive more time for bringing that player.

**Please note:** when accepting a spot with a team that travels frequently, you accept all the responsibly involved if your athlete is not playing as much as you would like that does not give a grounds for not attending a travel event.

Winning/Losing – please understand we are not paying to win, we will prepare our athletes to the best of their and our ability. Everyone must enter every game with the understanding that there is always a way to win, but it's never a given. No one SHOULD win but must earn the win. You will encounter three situations in almost every game. You are either the better team a must execute plays, you are evenly matched and you must execute plays and avoid unforced errors, or you are the underdogs and must execute play, avoid unforced errors, and hope the other team makes unforced errors.

**While at games it is the hopes that our cheer section that being our immediate and extended family are supportive and encouraging of their athlete and team overall. Please keep all comments of a negative nature to yourself until you have left the venue.**

**It is in poor taste to discuss concerns, problems, and issues on game days at events before, during or after the event. We will not discuss issues on game days or at events unless it relates to something relating to immediate harm to the athlete in question. For all other issues contact club director to set up a time, 24 hours after occurrence.**

**If you should feel you have an immediate concern contact club director club director will make themselves available 24/7 for all immediate concerns and issues.**

**Please note if unable to follow these guideline we will conduct a meeting with club director, head coach, and parties involved to resolve the issue.**

### Discipline Policy

- 1st offense Clarification of rules
- 2nd offense Verbal waring
- 3rd offense player will be benched for one game or one set
- 4th offense 5-day suspension from all whiplash events
- 5th offense indefinite suspension (Meeting will follow)

Please note that this is the listed discipline policy that will be used in general occurrences, certain violations will be considered more severe and required harsher action.

By signing below both player and parent have read and fully understand the rules, policies, standards, and expectations listed above and agree to follow the terms listed above. Please note no player will be allowed to participate until this form has been signed and the section below has been returned to club director. Please sign and detach below part and return.

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#### Kings County Whiplash Volleyball Code of Ethics Agreement

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

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_