



Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

BigTime Volleyball Academy (BVA) is dedicated to ensuring a safe, welcoming, and encouraging environment for all players. Parents and guardians have a profound influence on an athlete's experience. By joining BVA, you agree to act as a positive role model and abide by this Code of Conduct at all competitions, practices, and club activities.

1. Sportsmanship & Role Modeling

- **Positive Conduct:** Refrain from rude, insulting, harassing, or disrespectful behavior. Profanity, hostility, and violence will not be tolerated.
- **Respect for Officials:** Show courtesy to all coaches, referees, officials, and tournament directors. Do not question officiating decisions or advise referees on how to call a match.
- **Supportive Environment:** Praise athletes for their effort and skill development. Avoid comparing your child to other players or focusing solely on the scoreboard.
- **Cheering:** Cheer for the team as a whole. Create a fun, positive atmosphere for all children on the court.

2. Attendance & Commitment

- **Punctuality:** Ensure athletes arrive **on time and fully geared up** (shoes on, knee pads on) before the scheduled start time.
- **Game Time Impact:** Chronic lateness or absences without advance notice may affect an athlete's playing time or roster position, especially for tournaments.
- **Scheduling:** Make every effort to schedule vacations and personal commitments outside of the volleyball season.
- **Communication:** Provide ample advance notice for any planned absences to allow coaches to make necessary tactical adjustments.

3. Coaching & Boundaries

- **"One Voice" Rule:** Please avoid "coaching from the sidelines" during games or practices. Athletes should only receive instructions from their BVA coaches to avoid confusion.
- **Volunteer Appreciation:** Recognize that coaches give significant time and energy to your child's development. Treat them with the professional respect they deserve.
- **Practice Etiquette:** To minimize distractions, we encourage parents to drop off athletes. If you stay to observe, please remain in designated spectator areas and refrain from calling out to your child during training.

4. Communication & Conflict Resolution

- **The 24-Hour Rule:** Do not approach a coach to discuss playing time, tactical decisions, or complaints immediately following a match. A **24-hour cooling-off period** is mandatory.

- **Standard Procedure:** Coaches are instructed to disengage and walk away from parents who attempt to bypass this cooling-off period or address them disrespectfully.
- **Athlete Autonomy:** We encourage athletes to lead the conversation regarding playing time. Please encourage your child to speak with their coach directly before you intervene.

5. Health & Safety

- **Prohibited Substances:** Refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, vapes, or illegal substances in front of athletes at any BVA event.
- **Ethics:** Never advocate for the use of performance-enhancing drugs or unauthorized medications.

6. Financial Obligations

- **Academy Fees:** Meet all financial obligations (membership fees, class fees, etc.) by the requested due dates. Failure to do so may result in the athlete being ineligible to participate.

7. Community Involvement

- **Volunteerism:** BVA thrives on community support. Parents are encouraged to assist with roles such as team liaison, scorekeeping, carpooling, or organizing team social events when possible.
- **Accountability:** Help uphold this code by encouraging other parents to follow these guidelines.
- **External Standards:** Parents must also adhere to [Volleyball BC's - Code of Conduct & Ethics](#) during all sanctioned events.

Compliance & Disciplinary Action

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions at the discretion of the **BVA Director**, including 1) Formal warning notices, 2) Suspension of the parent from attending practices or tournaments, 3) Termination of the family's membership with BVA without refund, 4) Reporting of serious incidents to Volleyball BC or local authorities.