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Coastal Wave Volleyball Club - Athlete Code of Conduct

Athlete expectations, commitment and acknowledgement

Coastal Wave Volleyball Club is committed to providing a positive, inclusive and rewarding volleyball experience. Every athlete contributes to the environment of their team and the club. A athlete's actions reflect on their teammates, coaches, club and community. Participation is a privilege and comes with the responsibility to treat others with respect and fairness.

As a Coastal Wave athlete, I will:

- Treat teammates, coaches, volunteers, officials, opponents, spectators and facility staff with dignity, courtesy and respect, regardless of background, identity, ability, beliefs or economic circumstances.
- Contribute to a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment. I will not bully, harass, threaten, intimidate, discriminate against, humiliate or abuse anyone, in person or through written, digital or social media communication.
- Use respectful language and behaviour. I will not use profanity, slurs, insults, threats, humiliating jokes, offensive gestures or physical aggression.
- Support my teammates. I will encourage others, recognize effort and improvement, celebrate good play by either team, and avoid gossip, ridicule or negative comments about another athlete's ability or performance.
- Attend scheduled practices, games, tournaments and other team activities, arrive on time and prepared, and communicate directly with my coach as early as possible if I will be absent or late.
- Listen to coaching, participate constructively, accept feedback and take responsibility for my own development. I understand that coaching and practice opportunities will be provided fairly, but playing time may not be equal except where a governing body's applicable fair-play rules require otherwise.
- Respect team decisions, game rules, officials and the spirit of fair play. I will not argue with or publicly criticize officials, coaches or teammates during competition.
- Care for club equipment, uniforms and the facilities we use. I will leave gyms, change rooms, hotels and other venues clean and respect the property and rules of each facility.
- Tell my coach promptly about any injury, illness, concussion symptoms or health concern that could affect safe participation, including an injury or collision that occurs outside club activities. I will follow the club's applicable concussion and return-to-play procedures.
- Not use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, illicit drugs, vaping products or other prohibited substances during club activities, travel, competitions or team events. I will never provide these substances to another athlete. Any medication or substance used under legitimate medical direction should be discussed privately with the appropriate club contact where it affects safe participation.

- Follow reasonable directions from coaches, team staff, chaperones and event supervisors, particularly during travel and overnight events. I will not leave a venue, team activity or accommodation without the required permission and will follow group travel and supervision instructions.
- Use social media, messaging and other online platforms responsibly. I will not post or share abusive, discriminatory, threatening, humiliating or confidential content about players, coaches, officials, families or the club.
- Raise concerns through the club's established communication and complaint process. I will first speak respectfully with my coach at an appropriate time, unless I do not feel safe doing so; in that case, I may ask a parent/guardian or another trusted club representative to support me.
- Follow the policies, rules and procedures of Coastal Wave Volleyball Club, Volleyball BC and Volleyball Canada that apply to my participation.

Understanding and accountability

- I understand that concerns or alleged breaches may be reviewed by the club and may result in appropriate action, taking into account the circumstances, safety of members and applicable club and governing-body policies.
- Possible responses may include a conversation, warning, parent/guardian involvement, a behaviour or participation plan, removal from an activity, suspension or termination of club participation. Serious safety concerns may require immediate steps while a matter is reviewed.
- I understand that club participation and membership may be restricted or withdrawn in accordance with the club's governing documents and applicable policies. Any fee or refund decision will be handled under the club's applicable fee and refund terms.

Acknowledgement and Agreement

By signing, I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to follow this Athlete Code of Conduct. I understand that I am responsible for my behaviour at all club activities, including practices, competitions, travel, team events and online interactions connected to the club.

Athlete name (print):

Team / Age Group (if applicable):

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian acknowledgement (for players under 19):

Parent/Guardian name:

Parent/Guardian signature and date: