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Volleyball BC - Families and Spectator Code of Conduct

Supporting athletes and a positive volleyball environment

Families, friends and spectators help create the atmosphere at Coastal Wave Volleyball Club practices, games and tournaments. This Code sets out what we expect from everyone who attends club activities to watch or support an athlete. It is modelled on the Safe Sport Series guidance from Volleyball BC.

As a family member or spectator, I will:

- Be a positive role model. I will show respect and encouragement to athletes, coaches, officials and other families, applaud good play by both teams, and avoid taunting, offensive language or gestures.
- Respect officials and coaches. I will accept referees' calls and coaches' decisions gracefully, let them do their jobs without interference, and never verbally abuse or confront an official.
- Promote good sportsmanship. I will celebrate fair play and encourage athletes to resolve disagreements peacefully and respectfully.
- Respect boundaries. I will stay in designated spectator areas and out of restricted or private spaces such as team benches, courts, change rooms and staff areas, and I will follow the facility's rules on animals.
- Stay safe around play. I will keep belongings out of play areas and stay aware of balls and people nearby.
- Help keep the environment safe and inclusive. I will not bully, harass or discriminate against anyone, and I will not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at youth events.
- Care for facilities. I will treat each venue with respect, use the bins provided, follow facility rules and leave team areas clean.
- Follow food and drink rules. I will follow the facility's and event's rules for what may be brought into gyms and courts, and use only designated areas for food and other drinks.

Safety and reporting concerns

- Report hazards, unsafe situations or concerns to the event staff or team manager on site.
- Raise concerns about behaviour through the club's Complaint and Dispute Resolution Policy, or contact Concerns@coastalwavevc.com.
- Report suspected abuse, harassment, discrimination or other serious safety concerns promptly. These should not wait for a meeting or a cooling-off period.

Accountability

- Behaviour that does not follow this Code may be addressed by a conversation, a written warning, restriction from attending practices or events, or other action under club policies.
- Coastal Wave Volleyball Club may ask anyone whose behaviour is unsafe or disruptive to leave a venue or event.
- Action taken against a family member or spectator will not unfairly affect the athlete, and any decision will take the circumstances into account.

Related documents

- Parent and Guardian Code of Conduct
- Complaint and Dispute Resolution Policy
- Volleyball BC Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Volleyball BC Safe Sport Series resources, which this Code is modelled on
- Facility rules and event communications for each venue

Acknowledgement and Agreement

By signing, I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to follow this Families and Spectator Code of Conduct when attending Volleyball Canada, Volleyball BC, and Coastal Wave Volleyball Club activities.

Name (print): _____

Athlete name / Team: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____