

# Northumberland Breakers Volleyball Club

## Parent Code of Conduct

Parents are crucial to the success of Northumberland Breakers Volleyball Club and their child's club volleyball experience. Northumberland Breakers Volleyball Club requires that the parent(s) or guardian(s) of any prospective athlete in our club sign the following parent code of conduct before their child will be registered with the team and club.

I therefore agree that:

- I will learn the rules of the game as set out by Volleyball Canada
- I will read, understand and comply with the Northumberland Breakers Volleyball Club Founding Principles, Policies and Code of Conduct.
- I will ensure that my child attends all practices and games possible and when not possible, my child will inform the coach in advance.
- I will be responsible for transporting my child to tournaments
- I will abide by the rules of all the facilities where my child practices and competes.
- I will pay my child's fees in full and in accordance with the clubs payment guidelines
- I will participate in the fund-raising efforts of my child's team
- I agree with the NBVC policy of no phones during practice. Athlete phones are turned off at the beginning of practice and not turned on again until all equipment is put away.

### Safe Play:

- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my Child or the safety of others.
- I understand that possession and/or use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco by an athlete is strictly prohibited at all club activities including overnight tournament accommodation. If my child is caught with drugs, alcohol or tobacco they will be subject to expulsion.

### Sportsmanship:

- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or tournament.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any athlete, coach, official or parent. I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behavior or use foul language.
  - I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
  - I will demand that my child treat other athletes, coaches, officials and spectators with respect

### Coaching:

- I will respect my child's coach and support their efforts
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other athletes during games and practices unless I am the official coach. I will avoid yelling instructions to the athletes during the game.
- I will allow the team coaches to make the decisions regarding game strategy, player positions and line-ups.
- I understand that playing time will be afforded to all athletes, but not necessarily in equal proportions. Substituting in or out of a game reflects players' strengths and/or weaknesses or, in some cases, strategy adjustments by a coach. Playing time is the sole decision of the coach.

**Communication:**

- I understand that my child should approach the coach if she has problems or concerns first and I will encourage them to do so.
- I understand that there is a procedure to resolving conflict with a coach. If a conversation with the athlete is not appropriate or has not resolved the issue then I should first talk with the coach at an appropriate time. If I don't find resolution then I will talk to the Director of Coaching or the Team Board Rep.
- I understand that I should never question, discuss or confront coaches during practice, during a match or during a tournament, and I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I understand that there are times when I feel I need to speak immediately to the coach. I will wait 24 hours after the triggering event so as to make that conversation as productive as possible.

**Consequences:**

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action as follows:

- a) verbal notification of the infraction from a member of the coaching staff or Board Member
- b) written notification of the infraction from a member of the Board
- c) suspension from Club activities for an indicated period of time, at the discretion of the Board
- d) Expulsion from the club at the discretion of the Board.

**By signing this document, I confirm that I have read and understood both the "Athlete and Parent Expectations" and the "Parents' Code of Conduct". I agree to abide by the Northumberland Breakers Parents' Code of Conduct. I understand that my signature is required by the club for my child's participation and to ensure an enjoyable and successful volleyball season.**

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Northumberland Breakers Volleyball Club would like to welcome you to our organization.**

**Authorization to Post Information On the Breakers Website and in the newspaper**

I am a parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (player's name), and I hereby give permission to the Northumberland Breakers Volleyball Club to post my child's name or photo on the club website and in local newspapers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date