

Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club: Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

Our Philosophy:

At Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club, we believe that a positive and successful athletic experience is the result of a collaborative effort between our players, coaches, and parents. As a parent or guardian, your support is crucial not only to your child's personal development but also to the overall success and integrity of our club. This Code of Conduct outlines the shared responsibilities and expectations that ensure a positive environment for every member of our community.

Commitment to the Club:

Your commitment as a parent is fundamental to your child's success and the success of their team. We ask that you partner with us by adhering to the following principles:

- **Prioritize Club Activities:** Please make every effort to ensure your child attends all practices, tournaments, and team events. Consistent attendance is vital for both individual skill development and team cohesion. Timely arrival allows for proper warm-ups and preparation.
 - **Support the Coaching Staff:** Trust in the professional expertise of our coaches. If your child has concerns, encourage them to communicate directly and respectfully with their coach. This fosters self-advocacy and strengthens the coach-athlete relationship.
 - **Champion the Entire Team:** Every player is a valued member of the team, and a positive team culture is built on mutual respect. Refrain from making negative comments about any player, coach, or club director. Concerns should be addressed privately through the appropriate communication channels.
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Parent Guidelines for Positive Support:

Your role as a supporter is one of the most important factors in your child's athletic journey. Here's how you can make a positive impact:

- **Unconditional Support:** Let your child know that your love and pride are not dependent on their performance. Win or lose, your consistent and positive reinforcement is what they will remember most.
 - **Encourage Resilience:** Acknowledge the challenges of competitive sports and praise your child's courage and dedication. Help them understand that mistakes are a natural part of the learning process.
 - **Respect the Game:** Recognize that coaches make decisions based on the team's best interests and information you may not have. Please respect their strategic decisions regarding playtime and player positions.
 - **Focus on Life Lessons:** Encourage your child to enjoy their athletic journey. Avoid placing undue pressure on them to perform for your own satisfaction. The most valuable takeaways from youth sports are often the life lessons in teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.
 - **Let Coaches Coach:** Please refrain from offering technical advice during or after games. Your role is to be a source of encouragement, not a secondary coach. This allows your child to process instructions from their designated coaches without confusion.
 - **Model Sportsmanship:** Be a positive role model by demonstrating composure and respect from the sidelines. Your behavior directly influences your child and reflects on our entire club.
 - **Promote a Healthy Perspective:** After a competition, ask questions that focus on enjoyment and effort, such as "Did you have fun?" or "What was your favorite part of the game?" This reinforces the intrinsic value of playing sports over a win-at-all-costs mentality.
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Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement:

As a parent or guardian at Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club, I will:

1. Respect Designated Areas: Remain in the designated spectator areas during all games and events.
2. Observe the 24-Hour Rule: Refrain from discussing sensitive or emotional topics with a coach for at least 24 hours after a game or tournament. This "cool-off" period ensures that conversations are productive and respectful. All such communications should be scheduled in advance, not initiated during or immediately after a competition.
3. Understand Playing Time: Acknowledge that "equal playing time" is not a club policy. The coaching staff will determine playing time based on what is in the best interest of the team, considering factors such as skill, attitude, and game situation.
4. Promote Respectful Behavior: Insist that my child treats all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with courtesy and respect.
5. Respect Officials: Honor the integrity of the officials and allow them to perform their duties without interference.
6. Model Good Sportsmanship: Treat all individuals, including opponents, with courtesy and respect.
7. Maintain a Safe Environment: Attend all volleyball events free from the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
8. Support My Child's Team: Cheer for my child's team in a positive and encouraging manner.
9. Uphold the Rules: Learn the rules of the game to better understand and appreciate the sport.

10. Zero-Tolerance: for Abuse: Understand that physical, verbal, or emotional intimidation or abuse of any individual is strictly prohibited. I will support all efforts to remove such behavior from our sport.

11. Facility and Financial Responsibility:

- Follow all facility rules, including policies on food, drink, and smoking.
- Ensure all financial commitments to the club are met in a timely manner.

12. Acknowledge Consequences: Understand that a violation of this Code of Conduct will result in a formal warning. A second violation will lead to a review by club leadership, which may result in my child's dismissal from the club.

13. Refund Policy: I understand that all club fees are non-refundable.