

## **Send Me Volleyball Academy - Role of the Parent**

The role of the parent at Send Me Volleyball Academy (in the most basic form) can be clearly defined. We ask that parents always support their son/daughter and the team. Our teams' success can be affected positively and negatively by the role that the parents assume in the process. Parents who are supportive of their son/daughters and the team will assist in helping create the positive atmosphere and chemistry that is a key ingredient to a team's ultimate success. Parents who are disruptive and critical of either their son/daughter or members of the team (including coaches) can unfortunately help to create a dysfunctional atmosphere that will ultimately hinder the development of the team and individual players throughout the season.

The vast majority of parents and families of our players have been very supportive in the past, and we hope that support will continue to grow each year. We hope that parents support their athlete(s) by attending their matches and giving positive encouragement. We expect you to refrain from criticizing your child, their teammates, their coaches, or the officials.

Send Me Volleyball Academy realizes the sacrifices that are made by all of our families and appreciates the time and commitment of the parents throughout their athletes' club careers. We have an open-door policy with our families and encourage you to address any concerns you have with our staff under the guidelines we have set forth. We ask you to help us create the positive environment necessary for our athletes to succeed both on and off the court.

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

As with our players, parents also represent Send Me Volleyball Academy. We expect parents to act with a higher set of standards than we expect from our players. Parents are the role models.

Parents should read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in our program. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any match, tournament, practice, or Send Me-sponsored event will be asked to leave the venue. Repeat violations may cause the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all events or removal of the athlete from our program.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in Send Me Volleyball Academy.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the players, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical or mental disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of Send Me Volleyball Academy.
5. 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 players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence (verbal or physical).
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning; so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize matches and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during matches and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at a tournament, and will follow the communication protocol outlined in this handbook.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

## **48 Hour Rule**

Parents and athletes should not contact a coach after a tournament for 48 hours regarding playing time (or lack thereof), rotations, line-ups, coaching critiques, frustrations regarding the club and or policies, tournament issues, or lack of contact under any circumstances. Send Me and its coaches reserve the right to not respond to any issues until the 48-hour period is over. The 48-hour period begins immediately following the conclusion of the entire tournament, not the end of a tournament day. If a tournament is a one-day tournament the 48-hour period starts once the tournament is over. Two- and three-day tournaments the 48-hour period will start immediately after the completion of the last day of the tournament. Parents and players can and will receive a strike or disciplinary action for breaking the 48-hour rule.

## **WHY**

Coaches and directors are in high-stress situations during tournaments, the same grace coaches and directors give to players and parents is expected from the coaches and directors. Situations often need time to digest, marinate, collect thoughts, and self-reflect. The 48-hour rule allows time for all parties to occur nationally.

By signing this agreement, I am signing on behalf of both parents/guardians of our athlete.

## **Send Me Volleyball Academy Parent/Player Contract**

**PLEASE INITIAL AT EACH CORRECT SPOT. BY INITIALING YOU ARE AGREEING THAT YOU COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO EACH STATEMENT.**

**\*\*PLEASE READ EVERYTHING YOU ARE SIGNING SO THAT THERE IS NO CONFUSION\*\***

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that there are dues and fees (see Financial Agreement) associated with my athlete playing for Send Me Volleyball Academy. I agree that I will pay the associated costs in full and understand that once I sign the contract no refunds are given. The only exception may be in the case of a season-ending injury. I understand that failure to pay the dues/fees on time will result in my athlete not being allowed to participate in team practice, tournaments or any Send Me events until my account is brought current.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that we need to turn in the Waiver/ Medical Release, Copy of Birth Certificate, Parent/Player Contract, and Financial Agreement. I understand that if I do not meet the obligations defined above my athlete will not be able to participate in team practice, tournaments or any Send Me events.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have read and discussed with my athlete the Player Code of Conduct. I understand and agree to have my athlete abide by all of the standards outlined in the Player Code of Conduct.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have read and discussed with my athlete the Parent Code of Conduct. I understand and agree to abide by all of the standards outlined in the Parent Code of Conduct.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand my athlete must be registered with a National Governing Body (USAV and/or AAU) to participate with Send Me Volleyball Academy. I agree that I will complete all the necessary steps in order to have my athlete properly registered for the season and that Send Me has my permission to submit information on our behalf in order to complete the registration process.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that playing time is not guaranteed and must be earned with commitment and production. I understand that Send Me fully expects each athlete to understand their playing time situation and be communicated clearly by their coach.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Send Me has full discretion on the placement of players into teams and that when more than one team is formed in an age group, placement will not take place until an evaluation process is completed in the first several weeks of the season. I understand that Send Me also has full discretion on moving players up or down from one team to the other throughout the season.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Send Me can relocate, replace, or dismiss a player if a player does not follow the Player Code of Conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, meeting the coaches' or directors' expectations in attendance, commitment and/or production.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that communications with the team will be done through email/website/text. It is the parent's responsibility to check email/website/text regularly. Handouts will NOT be used as a primary form of communication. Documents will be released in the Forms section of the website and can be downloaded and printed.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all tournaments held outside of the Send Me program are out of Send Me control. This includes tournament schedules, gym locations, and cancellation of the tournament. Tournament schedules, gym locations, and cancellations will be communicated to all parents as soon as possible. In the event the league/tournament provides a refund back to the team, this refund will be used to enter another event and will not be refunded to my account.

## **PARENT/PLAYER BYLAWS & RULES ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and discussed with my son/daughter the information in the Player/Parent Bylaws & Rules. I understand all of the policies outlined in the Bylaws & Rules and agree to abide by the rules of the organization. A player may not begin his/her season with Send Me Volleyball Academy until all required forms are signed and submitted to the Administrative Staff. The forms include the Player/Parent Contract, Copy of Birth Certificate, Waiver and Medical Release, Insurance Information, and Player/Parent Bylaws & Rules.

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Player Name

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Parent/Guardian Name

## **WEBSITE/INFORMATION RELEASE AGREEMENT**

We like to post photos of teams and training classes on our website, social media outlets, and newsletters. We also issue press releases throughout the year to local media outlets. In addition, we maintain Player Profiles for our athletes that contain information used by college coaches for recruiting or informational purposes. Signing below gives Send Me Volleyball Academy the right to post information about your athlete for the above purposes.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

