

2017-2018 Oklahoma Excel Parent Contract

Mission

It is the mission of Oklahoma Excel Volleyball to provide a positive, competitive youth volleyball experience for player, parent and coach. We emphasize long-term player development of physical, emotional and social skills. While winning is a priority in club volleyball, winning will not be placed above good sportsmanship (defined as respecting rules and procedures set forth below, teammates, coaches, officials, opponents and one's self). It is our goal to create an environment that will benefit the individual as well as the team.

Your daughter has joined a growing elite, competitive volleyball program. Competitive team athletics, by its very nature, creates situations where everyone may not be happy all the time. Team success is intimately linked to individual success. Each player will fill a necessary role on the team. Although some roles are larger than others, none are insignificant to the overall success of the team. Coaches will discuss and define each role with the individual. Players are encouraged to use practices as an avenue for further developing their skills and expanding their role on the team. Players and parents must understand that the only desire of the coach is to assist the team in reaching its full potential. We can only achieve this by encouraging, acknowledging and supporting each other's efforts in practice, scrimmages and tournaments.

Expectations

This Code of Conduct is a written contract between parents, players and coaches to abide by the policies and procedures of Oklahoma Excel Volleyball. We expect all parties to maintain a positive attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanlike behavior. This contract is more than just paper, it is our policies and procedures and adherence to these policies and procedures is of primary importance. To participate in Oklahoma Excel, all players and parents are required to agree to and sign this Code of Conduct.

Zero Tolerance Policy: Oklahoma Excel has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy towards certain policies and procedures in the Code of Conduct. Failure to follow the Zero Tolerance policies and procedures of the Code of Conduct will result in your daughter being dismissed from the club.

PARENT'S PLEDGE:

We understand that it is our goal to provide positive support for our daughter, her teammates, her coaches, her opponents, officials and to Oklahoma Excel Volleyball. We are fully committed to Oklahoma Excel Volleyball Club and therefore will abide by the following policies and procedures:



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GENERAL:

- We will assist our daughter in meeting the policies and procedures as laid out in the Player's Contract. We understand that if our daughter violates the Zero Tolerance policies and procedures in the Contract in any way, that she will be dismissed from Oklahoma Excel Volleyball Club.
- We will assist our daughter in respecting her teammates, coaches, officials and opponents.
- We will be a fan of our daughter and her teammates, not a coach or a critic.
- We understand that our daughter must sign up to play with the Oklahoma Region. We understand that this needs to be done immediately following her making the team and before the first practice. We understand failure to do so will keep her from playing with the club.
- We understand our daughter must be a certified scorekeeper and R2 and that she must complete the online scorekeeping/R2 clinic. We understand there are no exceptions to this requirement and that our daughter may not be able to play without completing this requirement. We understand that this is to be done before the first or second tournament.
- We understand we will have to complete and turn in a USAV Medical Release form for the current club ball year. **NO OTHER MEDICAL RELEASE FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AS THIS IS A USAV RULE.** We understand the release form is available at www.okxlvbc.com and should be turned into Excel during the first week of practice.
- We understand that our daughter's tuition is not refundable if we choose not to participate, regardless of the reason. If we choose not to participate, but have not completed paying the tuition, we understand we will be responsible for the remainder of the tuition.
- We understand that payments that are hand-delivered must be given to the club director or the club financial coordinator. Payments may not be given to our daughter's assistant coach. Payment by check and card are accepted and credit card payments may be processed without my presence.
- We understand that in addition to our daughter's tuition fees, we will be responsible for paying for all transportation to and from practices, scrimmages and tournaments and that we will also be responsible for hotel fees at overnight tournaments. We understand that these fees are in addition to our Excel tuition and that they can be significant.



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- We understand that it is our sole responsibility to arrange hotel rooms, etc. for overnight tournaments. Players are not to depend on coaches for transportation or lodging for any event
- We understand that if we have a sponsorship for our daughter, the sponsor must also pay the fees on time. If the sponsorship monies will not arrive on the 1st, it is the parent's responsibility to make the tuition payment and once the sponsorship monies arrive, the parent will be reimbursed.
- We understand that if our team qualifies for USAV Nationals, there will be additional fees and expenses that will be assessed and determined at that time.
- We understand that any information that needs to be disseminated will be done so by our daughter's coach, and Excel Coaching Staff.
- We will get our daughter to practice and tournaments on time (15 minutes prior for practice, 1 hour prior for tournaments when playing first, 45 minutes prior for tournaments when reffing first) and will pick her up on time. We understand that if our daughter is late, not ready on time, not in the appropriate attire, she will be disciplined by the coach, at the coach's discretion.
- We understand that if our daughter cannot come to a practice and/or tournament, the coach needs to be notified as soon as possible.
- If we bring other children to our daughter's practices and tournaments, we will not leave them unattended and we will ensure that they do not interfere with practices and/or the tournaments and that they remain non-disruptive at all times.

ZERO TOLERANCE:

- We will make all payments to Oklahoma Excel Volleyball before or upon the due date of the 1st of the month. We understand that our payments are late on the 7th and that our daughter will IMMEDIATELY become ineligible to participate in practices, scrimmages and tournaments until our fees are current. We also understand that we will be charged a late fee of \$25.00. We understand that there will be no exceptions for late payments.
- We understand that team selections are made by the Coaching Director and Excel coaches. We trust their judgment and will be supportive of our daughter and the team for which she was chosen.
- We understand that playing time is not guaranteed and is left solely to the discretion of the coaches. We understand that we are paying for practice and that our daughter may not have any playing time at tournaments.



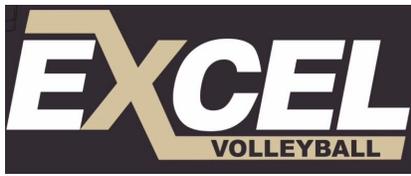
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- We understand that issues surrounding playing time will be handled in the following manner **ONLY**. We understand there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. We understand if this chain of command is not followed, there will be no discussions regarding playing time.

1. We understand our daughter must approach the coach first regarding issues concerning playing time. We understand this should be done before or after practices, but **NEVER** before, during or immediately following a tournament.

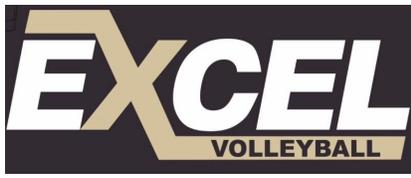
2. We understand that **ONLY** if our daughter has approached the coach first and there is still a concern, then the parent may request a meeting with the coach. We understand that we are not to email or telephone our daughter's coach regarding playing time, but are to request a meeting with the coach. We understand this request for a meeting must be made before or after a practice and that the meeting will take place at another time or place as there will be no "walk-up" meetings with our daughter's coach. We understand it is always best for our daughter to address concerns directly to the coach, and that if we still wish to have a conference with the coach, we should be prepared for **FRANK** answers. We understand that coaches **WILL NOT** discuss "coaching decisions". Coaching decisions will include, among other things, specific match decisions (who played when, who was subbed out and when, etc.). We understand the amount of time our daughter is given on the court is the result of a complex determination, in her coach's opinion, of our daughter's ability, the athlete's potential, the athlete's position and the team's needs at the moment and the team's needs for the future. We understand the coach will not be required to defend his/her thought process or conclusions in these determinations, and it is improper for a parent to make that request. In addition, we understand coaches have been instructed not to discuss any athlete with a parent other than the parent's own child.

- We understand that it is inappropriate for an athlete or parent to approach other Excel Volleyball members about a problem the athlete or parent is having with a Excel coach, about objections to coaching decisions or about disagreements with administrative decisions. We understand asking uninvolved persons to take sides in an issue is unfair to the third party and to the club. We understand that if we are approached and asked to listen to or express an opinion about matters between two other parties in the club, that we are strongly encouraged to direct the complaining party to take the matter up with our daughter's coach.
- We understand that we are not to knowingly disseminate false information regarding Excel or its members to other Excel players, parents, coaches, officials and opponents.
- We are allowed to attend practices, but must not coach, critique our daughter, distract her, her teammates or our daughter's coach at any time.
- We are to act as good ambassadors of Excel Volleyball at all times.



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- We are to treat all of our daughter's teammates and coaches with the upmost respect and will show support for the entire team, not just our daughter.
- We will remain in the spectator areas during all games.
- We will not use foul or abusive language towards anyone at any practices, scrimmages or tournaments.



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We understand that our failure to comply with any of the Zero Tolerance policies and procedures listed above will be deemed as being contrary to the positive development of Oklahoma Excel Volleyball and will result in our daughter being dismissed from the club.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAMES

DATE: _____