# 2014-2015 TJVBC
# Parent Code of Conduct

I agree that:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will not coach my child from the sideline.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- 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 will learn the rules of the game and policies of Tallahassee Jrs Volleyball Club.
- 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 tournament.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official (esp. player official), coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. First warning will be a verbal warning from the coach/director. The second offense may result in reduced play time for your player. The third offense may result in dismissal from the club.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 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 her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the tournament and will take the time if needed, to speak with the coach at an agreed upon time and place.
- 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 tournaments and practices.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am the official coach.
- I will follow the 48 hour Club rule.
- I understand that volleyball is a team sport and that the position my child plays is up to the coach's discretion for the betterment of the team.

I understand that playing time will be afforded to all players, **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 and may be influenced by attendance, tardiness, discipline, and by ability under or in pressure situations**. These decisions will only be discussed with the athlete herself.

The TJVBC club rule, is no athlete will sit an entire match during Saturday pool play. Coaches will work to make sure each player plays in the match (unless previously discussed). How much a player is on the court will be determined by criteria listed above. On Championship Sunday, the coach will decide all playing time as is best for the entire team.

If you have an issue regarding playing time, you agree to have this discussion away from the tournament and back in Tallahassee. This will allow a cooling down period for both coaches and parents/players.

If I feel that my daughter's safety is in question, I will contact the club director with my concerns.

## Destructive Communication

Tallahassee Jrs will not tolerate hostile, aggressive confrontations between a parent and any official, a parent and any coach, a parent and any athlete, or a parent and any other parent, regardless of whether the coach, athlete or other parent is a member of Tallahassee Jrs or not. Violation of this policy may result in the athlete being dismissed from TJVBC. It is inappropriate for an athlete or a parent to approach other Tallahassee Jrs members to complain about a problem the athlete or parent is having with a TJVBC coach, about objections to coaching decisions, or about disagreement with an administrative decision. Please read carefully:

- Asking uninvolved persons to take sides in an issue is unfair to those third parties and to the Club. Competitive team athletics, by its very nature, creates situations where everyone may not be happy all the time. For the psychological health of the athletes and the Club as a whole, grievances need to be handled between the

parties involved and the decision-makers in the situation.

- Any member who is approached and asked to listen to or express an opinion about matters between two other parties in the Club is strongly encouraged to refer the complaining party to take the matter up with either the coach in question and/ or the Club Director, and to refuse to listen further.

- Any member who, as a third party, hears remarks or stories about Tallahassee Jrs, its employees or its policies, that cause the member to be concerned is encouraged to call the Club Director immediately to determine the facts, or to alert the Club administration to a situation it may be unaware of.

- It is detrimental to all persons involved to repeat complaints you hear (or overhear) to other uninvolved parties. By the time a story gets to the third or fourth party, it frequently bears little resemblance to the facts of the situation.

- It is also detrimental to your athlete and disruptive to her team to complain about the coach, the coach's style or Tallahassee Jrs policies.

- If you, as a parent, are unhappy or concerned about these matters, you should address the party in control. If the athlete is the unhappy person, she needs to address the appropriate party.

- When discussing your child to a coach or another parent, please refrain from discussing other athletes.

**Repetitive complaining to the athlete(s) or other third parties that interferes with the Club's efforts to pursue its stated mission and purpose may be cause, in the sole determination of the Club, to cancel an athlete's membership in the Club.**

I will comply by the rules set forth by the club.

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Parent Signature & Date

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Player Signature & Date