



PARENT & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Pakmen Volleyball is fully committed to making your child's sporting experience a positive one. We strongly believe that the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) core principles:

1. *Trustworthiness*
2. *Respect*
3. *Responsibility*
4. *Fairness*
5. *Caring*
6. *Good citizenship*

It is our belief that the highest potential of sport is achieved when competition reflects these six (6) pillars of sportsmanship.

To assist us in fostering this environment and facilitating our commitment to this process, we ask that you take the time to read and adhere to the following:

1. I will not force my child to participate in volleyball. However, I will encourage and support him/her if he/she chooses to play and I recognize it is for his/her enjoyment. I will inform the coach of any physical disabilities, ailments or other concerns that may affect my child's participation or interaction for his/her safety and the safety of others.
2. I will learn the rules of the game of volleyball and become an informed parent and/or spectator. In addition, I will teach my child to play by the rules and to strive to resolve any conflicts or difficulties without resorting to vulgarity, hostility or violence.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating support for all players, coaches, officials, spectators and others at every game, practice or related event. I will applaud a good effort and show appreciation for the opportunities provided to my child.
4. I (and my guests) will not demonstrate any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct toward any official, coach, player, parent, or host, such as booing and taunting; or using profane language, signs or gestures. Similarly, I will demand that my child treat all other participants including players, coaches, officials, hosts and spectators with respect and dignity regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning so that they will never feel pressure to be unsportsmanlike in the name of success. I recognize that mistakes are a normal part of learning and a normal part of the game and I understand and accept that ridicule, or criticism of coaching or officials' decisions, or other participants' performances are contrary and inappropriate.

6. I will demand of my child (and myself and my guests) full respect and consideration for facilities, equipment and other participants' property. I also understand that it is solely my responsibility to provide continuous supervision for younger children whom I bring to events and that allowing them to run freely is inappropriate.
7. I agree to support the volleyball environment as drug, alcohol and tobacco free and will refrain from their use while at OVA events.

Ontario Volleyball Association's (OVA) On-site Regulations

The game will be stopped by on court officials if the parents/spectators are displaying inappropriate and disruptive behaviours interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-court officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once the coach has removed the parent spectator, play will resume. Violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the OVA Executive.

This inappropriate and disruptive behaviour shall include but not be limited to:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time
- Verbal abuse of any kind directed towards any players, team official, referees, OVA volunteers or other spectators.
- Taunting players, coaches, officials, OVA volunteers or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing or any threat of physical violence.
- Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, player's bench, or on court, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Disciplinary Process for Parents and Spectators

- Parents will be introduced to the Ontario Volleyball Code of Conduct through the Youth Competitions handbook, their Clubs, team meetings, and educational opportunities.
- If an individual breaches the Code of Conduct, the Parent Representative and Coach will speak to the individual, explain the problem behaviour and refer him/her to the published Code of Conduct, and also notify the Club President who will issue a warning.
- If the individual persists in his/her behaviours, a report will be made to the Executive Director and Board of Directors concerning the violation of the Code of Conduct, at which time the Board of Directors shall take appropriate actions, including but not limited to a ban from venues where the Association's activities take place.
- If an individual ignores the rulings imposed on him/her, a designate of the OVA will ask the individual to vacate the premises. If he/she resists, the police will be called and the individual will be charged with trespassing.

All individuals associated with the OVA and **Pakmen Volleyball Club** are expected to uphold the value of honesty, good sportsmanship and have respect for the integrity and roles of the other members as well as their organization.

Thank you for taking the time to read this material and we trust that your attendance at OVA events is an indication that you accept these expectations and that the OVA and ***Pakmen Volleyball Club*** can expect your co-operation in this regard.