



## **2016 – 2017 LBVBC PARENT / PLAYER AGREEMENT**

Laguna Beach Volleyball Club has built a reputation over the course of the past 40 years for both producing well-trained, respectful, knowledgeable athletes and highly competitive teams. In order to ensure the best experience for all involved, all club members, family members, and club staff must work together.

**Keep It Positive** – Please support all members of the team and help LBVBC demonstrate what good sportsmanship is all about.

At LBVBC we do our best create a positive environment for players to learn, grow, and compete as well as for family members to support their teams. In order to have such an atmosphere:

- When watching practices or tournaments please keep ALL comments positive. Even what may seem to some as constructive criticism or frank observations may not be viewed in the same way by others. Although coaches ask players to keep their focus on the game or practice at hand, players are also acutely aware of their parents' body language. Please be aware that outward displays of frustration can negatively affect players.
- Please do NOT coach the players. Whether it is your own player or some other player, they will be receiving plenty of specific information from their coach(es). Our staff is extremely knowledgeable, please let them do their job.
- Please do NOT yell at or address the referees. Mistakes in terms of officiating will occur. It's a fact. If there is a call that the coach feels needs to be addressed, he/she will do so. Do NOT approach them after the game either.
- Please do NOT yell at or criticize the lines people or scorekeepers. In most cases these are players that are your son's/daughter's age. Once again, mistakes will happen. It's a fact. You would not appreciate an adult yelling at your child for trying to do her job. Please extend the same courtesy to others.

**Playing Time** - Volleyball is a team sport, some say it's the ultimate team sport.

- Playing time is neither guaranteed nor negotiable. Playing time is based on numerous factors which include but are not limited to attendance at practice, level of engagement and coachability at practice, coach's assessment of a player's readiness to participate in the match, and team chemistry and success given particular line-ups.
- Please do NOT approach a coach at a tournament with questions or concerns regarding playing time.
- Please support your player, even if he/she is not physically on the court as much as you would like. Leaving the court or displaying negative body language causes undue stress to your player. Many times players understand that the team comes first and are more affected by their parents' reactions than by supporting their teammates on the sideline.

### **General Rules**

- Both parents and players are responsible for the player's transportation to and from practices and tournaments (\*except for at travel tournaments). Players must arrive on time to and have means to leave immediately following practices and tournaments.

- Parents are responsible for fulfilling responsibilities set out in the LBVBC Payment Policy Sheet.
- Please remember that part of being on a team is being a good / great teammate. Players are expected to attend all tournaments (in their entirety) in which their teams will be participating.

**Attendance** – Attendance at practice is key. In order for both the team and the individual to progress they must start by showing up. Players must be present to receive instruction from the coach and to reinforce that instruction via drills. They must also be present to build chemistry and cohesion with his/her teammates. Teams need all members there to develop as a TEAM. While making up a practice with another team is great as the player has access to additional repetitions, he/she is still missing out on the time and repetitions with her team and within that team’s system.

Attendance at all tournaments is expected. By joining the team the player and his/her family is entering into an agreement with not only the club but with his/her teammates and their families that they will attend all tournaments and support the team, regardless of concerns about playing time or other matters. If an avoidable conflict or emergency arises that makes it impossible to attend a tournament, the player must inform the coach immediately so he/she can plan accordingly. Attendance at end of the year tournaments is mandatory for all players on TRAVEL TEAMS. Please be aware of this if the player agrees to join this type of team.

**Communication** – As with most things, communication is key.

- If a player will be missing or late to a practice, either the player or parent (depending upon the rules for that team) must notify the coach.
- Please do not wait until the end of the season to communicate concerns that you feel are important. If there is a problem please follow the Problem Resolution Protocol.

**Problem Resolution Protocol:**

1. Identify the issue with your son/daughter.
2. The player will set up a time to speak with her coach about the problem and develop solutions.
3. If there is still confusion and/or the problem has not been resolved, the parent, player, and coach will meet to discuss the problem and develop alternative solutions if the previous ones did not work. *Please allow **24 hours** after a tournament before contacting the coach. Please do not attempt to have this meeting during or immediately after a tournament or during practice.*
4. If there continues to be confusion and/or the problem still has not been resolved the parent may schedule a meeting with the club director, Michael Soyular, coach, player, and parent.

I have read the 2016-2017 Parent/Player Agreement and fully understand all topics covered within this agreement. I understand that the words and actions of players and family members can have potentially positive and negative effects on the team and its members and agree to abide by all rules and protocols contained within this agreement.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Player Signature

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