



*Warrenton Youth Sports
Club*

*Parent/Player
Agreement*

At **WYSC**, we pledge to provide your athlete with quality instruction, coaching, skill development, and competitive volleyball play. This also requires commitment on many levels from both parents and athletes. Below you will find additional information about what is needed and expected from parents and athletes to help ensure that the club volleyball experience can be positive and successful.

Financial Commitment

- Club fees are due in accordance with the provided schedule when the Athlete and parents accept a position on a team or has signed this agreement.
- Fees paid to the club are non-refundable.
- Any club fee payment schedule agreed to in writing must be adhered to. An Athlete will not be allowed to participate until fees are paid as per agreement.
- Once an athlete accepts a spot on the team they are responsible for the entire club fees associated with the program.

Attendance

WYSC Sports Club will enforce the following practice and tournament attendance policy for every athlete. This is not intended to prevent an Athlete from playing another sport while participating with WYSC's Sports Club. However, attendance at practices and tournaments may affect playing time.

General Attendance Policy: It is the responsibility of the Athlete or the parents to notify the coach of any scheduled team event that the Athlete will be missing with at least one week notice for practices, and two week's notice for tournaments.

Practice - All Practices are Mandatory. There are no exceptions for schoolwork or homework. It is the Athlete's responsibility to balance schoolwork with club practice.

- If an Athlete accumulates eight (8) absences during the season, the Coaching Director and Club Director will conduct a review to determine if that Athlete should remain with the team.
- Missing more than ½ of a practice counts as an absence.

Tournaments – Participation during tournaments is critical to the success of every athlete and every team.

- Missing part of any tournament day counts as 1 absence.
- Attendance at National Qualifiers and Regionals is mandatory.
- The Coaching Director/Club Director will evaluate all tournament absences with proper documentation on a case-by-case basis.

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Athlete/Parent Conduct

It is the intent of **WYSC Sports Club** to become and continue to be a well-respected leader in the volleyball community. Furthermore, it is also our intent to lead by example. **WYSC Mustang** athletes and Parents are also expected to lead by example. The following guidelines are set forth to protect the safety and integrity of players, parents, Coaches and the **WYSC Sports Club**. Please be aware that it is impossible to account for all possible circumstances, however, in the event of any inappropriate actions on the part of players, parents or coaches, the Director will enforce appropriate action.

NOTE: All Policies listed here, where appropriate, are for Athletes AND Parents.

1. Proper nutrition is essential. Practices and tournaments are very demanding and players need to be at their physical best in order to be fully functioning and successful. At all times, it is very important to stay well hydrated and to eat nutritional meals and snacks. Meal/snack tables will be set up for all tournaments but it is the athlete's and the parent's responsibility to remain focused on healthy eating practices throughout the season.
2. Athletes are to support teammates at all times while on the team bench, whether you are playing in a particular match or not. Poor bench behavior includes not expressing verbal/vocal support for your teammates, conducting side conversations taking other's attention off the match, disrupting the match with inappropriate discussion with the Coach or Coaches, or questioning your playing time or status during the match.
3. Equal playing time is NOT a guarantee. Coaches are given the flexibility to evaluate athletes during practices on a weekly basis. Playing time at tournaments is earned during practice. If you have questions about playing time, set up a time to discuss the situation with your Coach.
4. Un-sportsman-like behavior will not be tolerated at any **WYSC Sports Club** function/event. This includes but is not limited to behaviors such as the use of foul language, angry outbursts, and rude gestures towards other athletes, parents, coaches, officials or opponents.
5. Parents are **not** to talk with any other athletes, parents, coaches, tournament officials, directors, or referees in an argumentative or disparaging manner. At **WYSC** we believe that positive parent support is critical to the success of the athletes and the club. Parents are encouraged to be supportive of all athletes during tournaments and are asked not to question them regarding their play or about how much/little they have played.
6. Parents are not to "Coach" their athletes during tournaments. The athletes should be focused on what their **WYSC** Coaches have to say with respect to the team and their play.
7. Parents are expected to be supportive of the entire team - at all time. Parents are not to engage in cheering or any behavior that would reflect negatively on WYSC or the team. Guidelines for Parents are no different from Athletes in this regard.
8. If an Athlete is removed by parents for any reason from a tournament without permission from the Head Coach, **WYSC Sports Club** will consider that Athlete to have resigned from the program. All remaining monies will become due and payable at that time. No refunds will be granted.
9. Only the Head Coach or the Team Captain, under the direction of the Head Coach, may question an official.

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10. The night(s) before a “Home” tournament (Where the **WYSC Sports Club Volleyball** team is not traveling, if there is not a team/Club function, Parents and Athlete are asked to not schedule any other events, and to ensure that adequate rest is received so the Athlete will be ready to play the next day. The Athlete’s focus should be on Volleyball the night before the event.
11. The team will travel to playing venues dressed in the same representative club attire. For the purposes of uniforms, athletes are NOT to wear non - **WYSC** attire during tournaments. Some combination of **WYSC Mustangs** attire, including jersey, warm-up, t-shirt, jackets, and sweatpants is to be worn during and between matches. No school attire is allowed.
12. If other **WYSC** teams are playing at the same tournament site, athletes will be advised and teams will be encouraged to watch and cheer for other **WYSC** teams.

Travel Policy

1. All athletes on 14 and up must stay with the Team while attending overnight tournaments. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Head Coach. If athletes on the 13 and under teams travel, they will be required to stay in hotel rooms with a parent or chaperone.
2. Once hotels are reserved and communicated we will not change dates of hotel stays due to wave times. Since we cannot predict the wave times that a particular team we will be playing in a given tournament, we must confirm hotel reservations far in advance of the tournament for times that allows a team to play during even the earliest wave time. Please do not ask a coach or director to cancel hotel rooms.
3. All Athletes must adhere to curfews established by their coach or chaperone when traveling with the club. Athletes are to be in their assigned rooms at the designated curfew hour. When your coach designates a time for “Lights Out”, that means lights, television, phones, and computers need to be turned off at the designated time.
4. At no time will an athlete be allowed to leave hotel property without the expressed permission of their coach or chaperone. However, parents may request, if there is appropriate “down time,” to take you off premises.
5. Any parent volunteer providing transportation for a tournament is under the direction of the Coach, as far as when and where Athletes are required to be. Please do not volunteer to transport players if you are unable to comply with the coach’s/team’s requirements.
6. Transportation to and from all practices, club-sponsored clinics, airports, and in-state tournaments is the responsibility of the parents. Team members may agree to travel together if convenient. In all cases, arrival times at sites will be designated by your Coach. No Athlete may drive to or from a tournament without permission from the Director.
7. When traveling to tournaments, there may be occasions when the Coach schedules a Team meal. At these times, players will sit together at one table or designated seating areas. Parents are invited to Team meals, but should plan to sit with other parents.
8. While staying at hotels, Athletes must travel in pairs (at a minimum) when outside their rooms or when walking outside of the hotel premises.
9. While traveling with the team, there shall be no display of disrespect toward any club (**WYSC** or other club) Coach, Athlete, Parent, Chaperone, or Hotel Guest/Employee.
10. Boys are not permitted in Athlete’s rooms at any time. The only exception to this policy is the Athlete’s relatives as approved by the Athlete’s parent(s). Violation of the policy will result in immediate expulsion from **WYSC Sports Club**.

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Expulsions and Suspensions

While we certainly do not expect there to be significant problems during the season, it is our intent to preserve the mission and integrity of **WYSC's Sports Club**. With this in mind, the Head Coach and Director will evaluate any and all situations involving athlete misconduct to determine if suspension or expulsion from the club is warranted. It is our intent to be fair, objective in evaluating any issues. With that said, athletes are expected to use good judgment and common sense in all situations and when making decisions. **WYSC Sports Club** will support automatic suspension or expulsion as a result of either of the following offenses:

- Smoking, consuming alcohol, or using drug at any time during WYSC Mustang functions
- Leaving lodging premises without notifying the Coach and without a chaperone
- Having boys in your room (other than relatives)
- If the Athlete has more than 8 absences (Subject to Coaching Director/Club Director Review)

Grievance/Escalation Procedure

This procedure is designed to help Athletes and Parents resolve concerns or problems that may occur during the course of the season. It ensures open, honest communication between all parties involved.

1. The Athlete must first request a meeting between the coaches and herself to discuss the issue at hand. In the case of athletes on 14's and younger teams, the parent may request the meeting.
2. If the issue is unresolved, the parent may ask for a meeting between themselves and the coaching staff to discuss the issue. The meeting should take place at a location considered adequate for a private discussion - **NOT** at a tournament and/or practice. Coaches are not to address these issues at tournaments, and are told to advise the Director in the event that any of these conversations are started at a tournament.
3. If the issue remains unresolved, the parent must ask for a meeting with the Club Directors, athlete, and Coaches. A scheduled time away from practice or a tournament is appropriate. If the issue is unresolved, the decision of the Club Directors at this point is FINAL

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