

JUNIOR BISON VOLLEYBALL CLUB

PARENT & PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY



The Junior Bison Club Program requires that all athletes and parents/guardians in the Volleyball Club program sign the following code of conduct. The reason for this code is to preserve the integrity of the athlete, the coaches, the opponents, referees and the program.

As a parent I therefore agree:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- 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 the Junior Bison Club.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child & encourage sportsmanship by showing respect & courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, & spectators at every game, practice or tourney.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- 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 my child treat other players, coaches, officials & spectators with respect regardless of race, 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 his/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 well-being 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 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. Playing time is the sole decision of the coach and may be influenced by attendance, tardiness, discipline, and ultimately by ability under or in pressure situations. These decisions may only be discussed with the athlete themselves.

I understand that by accepting a position on one of the Junior Bison Club teams and paying my child's player fees that my child is entitled to train and practice as a Junior Bison athlete. Playing time however, is earned and is based on many factors including attendance, work ethic, attitude and game preparedness.

