

MAMMOTH CLUB VOLLEYBALL

Player/Parent Contract

Welcome to Mammoth Club Volleyball! Mammoth Club Volleyball (MCV) requires a commitment from the parent, player and coach. Please read the following pages. In addition to the Parent/Player Contract we are including our Coach's contract. We wish to be transparent in all our expectations to help provide the best experience possible for each player. Both parent and player must agree to this contract and sign it in order to participate on any MCV team. If any questions arise before signing, please direct them to the coach or one of the MCV board directors.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS: As a member of the MCV team, you are agreeing to...

Attend every practice

Club Volleyball requires a substantial commitment. Building a successful team requires a commitment of everyone's time. Skills training, practice plans and game preparations are all time consuming for the coach. Your coach will not have the opportunity to help players "catch up". If you know you must miss a practice, you must call in advance.

Multiple absences at practice may lead to the inability of a player to travel and may ultimately lead to removal of that player from the team. Please try to avoid schedule conflicts.

The MCV Team Philosophy

Coaches love volleyball! Players love volleyball! Your coach is committed to the players as students, athletes, and young women. It is their goal to provide every opportunity for players to become as good as they want to be. More importantly, they strive to help the players become the best team they can be. In response, players work hard, listen, apply instruction and work together to grow as individuals and as a team.

The Team communicates

Both on and off the court, we must communicate well. If there is something that you are struggling with on the court, take it to your coach and ask for help. Coaches can not read minds. You must communicate your concerns or your need for help with your coach by speaking to, texting, calling or emailing them.

Rules that help our team run smoothly

A player is expected to be well rested and ready to work hard when arriving to play. Players are representing Mammoth Club Volleyball and should act respectfully and be appropriately dressed at all times.

Clear expectations for all MCV constituents, coaches, players, parents and Board Members ensure success and the mutual goal of creating a successful volleyball club.

Our team thrives on trust and respect

There may be disagreements between players or players/coaches on or off the court over the course of the season. However, all disagreements are left at the gym door on the way in and on the way out. We are a team. Drama will not be tolerated on the court.

Mutual respect and support are foundational to this club. The girls will learn trust and respect from all of our attitudes and actions led by example.

You must treat your coaches and teammates with respect at all times, there are no exceptions.

Our athletes learn to be coachable

There is often more than one way to do things correctly. In some cases, however, your coaches will select a specific strategy for the benefit of the entire team, even if it may not seem to benefit a particular individual.

You must be willing to work toward improvement according to your coaches' suggestions. If coaches seem to be focusing on you, it is usually because they believe you are capable of contributing more to the team.

Our team works hard

Competitive volleyball teams want to win. Winning is earned by hard work. Put the effort in and do not cut corners.

Our team has balance

To balance academics, multiple sports, work and family, you must plan ahead and make choices that may seem difficult. The choices you make may affect your future opportunities.

On our team, practice time and bench time is playing time

As an MCV player, you maintain the same focus and enthusiasm whether you are on the court or on the bench. You accept that playing time is decided by the coach for the good of the team in the circumstances of the moment. You know that the bench is our secret weapon: every player has her head in the game at every moment, and is ready to come in at any opportunity.

Our team has fun

Volleyball is FUN! *Wanting to play is what makes it fun. If you want to play, work hard and follow the rules, then sign this contract.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Parents contribute to the success of the MCV program.

Communicating with coaches

If you have volleyball related questions or concerns, please wait 24 hours, which helps make the communication more productive. During tournament play, parents agree NOT to communicate with coaches or players during matches or between games regarding any concerns or questions regarding game play.

Player concerns go to the coach first. Please contact the MCV Board at Board@mammothclubvolleyball.com if you have club related concerns or questions regarding policies, procedures, finances or club rules and expectations.

Sportsmanship

All parents and players are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship while representing MCV. Cheer for our team's efforts and successes. We never celebrate our opponents' mistakes. Be positive—remember, you are sitting among parents, grandparents, and friends of all players.

Volleyball officials are off-limits. Players can be easily affected by the parent's negative comments.

Volleyball is an exciting game. Take time to learn more about the rules and strategy to truly appreciate the nuances of this complicated sport.

Playing Time

Delegating playing time is a zero-sum exercise; the decision to give one player more time on the court means another player will get less. Good coaches know that with each decision, however well-considered, comes the likelihood that someone will be disappointed. There is no guarantee that your player will receive playing time in each game/tournament. Lineup decisions are primarily the result of careful consideration about a team's chemistry, and the opponent's strengths and weaknesses. Playing time is earned by proven performance, hard work, and an occasional hunch. Coaches take a season-long view about each player's time on the court.

Strong teams have strong benches. Players who keep focused on the match while not on the court greatly increase their chances of success once they enter the game. Spirited bench players almost always infect their teammates with optimism and extra energy.

As parents, we agree to respect the coach's decision regarding playing time. Parents should resist measuring their daughter's volleyball experience solely by the amount of her playing time. We strive to infect each player with a love for the sport, teaching her to value the opportunity to be strong and confident-- whether in practice or at a game.

I have read, and I accept the conditions of Mammoth Club Volleyball.

Student-Athlete Signature / Date

Parent or Guardian Signature / Date