## Kingston Rock Volleyball Club



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To: All Kingston Rock Members and Volleyball Club in Canada

Subject: Kingston Rock Statement on U.S. Travel for the 2025–2026 Season

While we remain deeply committed to providing high-level competition experiences for our athletes, Kingston Rock Volleyball Club has made the decision not to attend any U.S. based tournaments during the 2025–2026 club season.

This decision follows growing concerns over current trends in the United States, including safety, inclusivity, and broader socio-political factors. While Canada has issued general travel advisories encouraging caution for travel to the U.S., we believe it is in the best interest of our athletes, families, and coaches to stay closer to home this year.

We will actively explore alternative opportunities within Canada and possibly abroad in regions that align more closely with our club's values and goals.

We encourage other Canadian clubs to consider doing the same, standing together in support of Canadian events, Canadian values, and investing in our local sports community.

Kingston Rock remains focused on fostering excellence, inclusivity, and safe experiences for every athlete in our care.

Sincerely, Matt Somerville Executive Director info@kingstonrock.ca