Code of Conduct

Player Code of Conduct

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- 1. I will learn and understand the rules of the game and the Vienna Elite VBC, and I will not deliberately break the rules or help any other player break the rules.
- 2. I will respect the referees, and refrain from addressing them during or after the game unless I am the team captain on the floor, and then I will address the referees courteously, and only as provided by the rules. I understand that referees can make mistakes, but I will refrain from criticizing them or blaming them if we lose the game.
- 3. I will maintain control of my emotions, avoiding use of abusive and profane language, humiliating remarks and/or gestures, and threats of or use of physical violence. I fully understand that such behavior will not be tolerated by the Club and can result in temporary suspension or permanent loss of participation privileges with the Club.
- 4. I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate appropriate gestures of good sportsmanship at the end of the game by being humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 5. I will respect the property of others, including the gymnasium in which I am a guest. Following practices/games, I will collect all my belongings and leave the gym promptly and in the condition, which I found it. I will bring no food or drink of any kind into the gym at any time.

Parent Code of Conduct

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- 1. I realize that children are very aware of and often imitate the type of behavior I exhibit. As the parent/guardian of a Vienna Elite Volleyball player, I will set a positive example for my child while at games and practices.
- 2. I will acknowledge effort and good performance, remembering that all of the players in this even are amateur athletes.
- 3. I will respect the referees, and refrain from addressing them during or after the game. I fully understand that abuse of referees at any time can result in loss of my child's and family's participation privileges with the Club.

- 4. I will cheer for my team and offer only positive encouragement. I will encourage my child and her teammates, regardless of the outcome on the court.
- 5. I will not coach or provide any specific volleyball related instructions to my child or any other player during practices or tournaments.
- 6. I will respect my child's coach and his/her decisions during the tournaments and will not provide opinions/comments to him/her until 48 hours after the tournament. I will refrain from voicing any negative comments or opinions during the tournament. Furthermore, any comments or opinions will be provided in a constructive manner.
- 7. I will direct my child to speak directly with his/her coach when coaching decisions are made that may be confusing or unclear.
- 8. I will maintain control of my emotions, will remain seated in designated spectator areas and will not step onto or near the court area while cheering for my child.
- 9. I will avoid using abusive and profane language, humiliating remarks and/or gestures, and threats or use of physical violence. I fully understand that such behavior will not be tolerated by the Club and can result in temporary suspension or permanent loss of participation privileges for my child and possibly me with the Club.
- 10. I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate appropriate gestures of good sportsmanship at the end of the game by being humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 11. I will respect the property of others, including the gymnasium in which I am a guest. Following practices/games, I will collect all my belongings and leave the gym promptly and in the condition, which I found it.
- 12. I will maintain control of children whom I bring with me to the gym, and not allow them to be beyond my direct supervision.
- 13. I will honor the rules of the host and the host facility.
- 14. I will be responsible for other guests I bring with me and be sure that they understand and abide by this code of conduct.
- 15. I will respect the history and tradition of the sport of volleyball by being a good ambassador.

I WILL NOT:

- 1. I will NOT criticize my child's coach or his/her teammates.
- 2. I will NOT coach my child from the bleachers and/or sidelines.
- 3. I will NOT harass or intimidate the players, coaches, tournament staff and officials.
- 4. I will NOT criticize the opposing team or its coaches.