

Bayou Volleyball Club

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Mission Statement

The Bayou Volleyball Club (BVC) was formed to teach both fundamental and advanced volleyball skills as well as life lessons in a family environment. Through the development of volleyball skills, our goal is to teach the importance of leadership, communication, perseverance, sportsmanship, loyalty, hard work, and ethics when dealing with both success and adversity. We strive to develop teams and players with a passion for the game. To serve as a catalyst for the physical, intellectual, and social development of boys through the sport of volleyball.

Safety, Bullying, and Harassment

BVC abides by Safesport guidelines as presented by the USOC for all governing bodies. It is mandatory that all BVC coaches and staff have a background screened and Safesport certified. BVC has zero tolerance for bullying and harassment of any kind, player to player, coach to player, parents to official, players, or coaches.

Club Fees/Dues

- Items included in fees:

Gym rental, coaching and coaches' expenses, tournament entry fees, training equipment, regional and national team registration and club operation expenses. (optional tournaments are to be charged separately and outside of normal fees)

- Items not included in fees:

Food, lodging, travel, shoes, knee pads, socks, and uniform
Registration to USAV and AAU volleyball associations

- Apparel needed.

2 game jerseys, 2 pairs of game shorts, cover up, backpack, practice t-shirt.

Payment of fees

- Parents may pay in full or choose to use our payment plan. There are no extra fees for payment by check, cash, Venmo, or Zelle. If paying by credit card, there will be additional fees for processing through Sports Engine. Fees are to be paid by indicated dates (20th of the month). Players may be withheld from practices or competitions if dues are behind and until fees are brought current or paid in full.
- The Responsible party (parent or legal guardian) is responsible for paying the entire number of dues even if the child does not complete the full season. If participation is stopped due to an injury, the family granted relief from partial to remaining financial

obligation depending on the injury. ***Any type of request must be in writing to the Club Director, before being considered.***

Team Volunteers Chaperone

The chaperone will help the coach organize team functions such as food and transportation to and from tournaments.

Team Social Media Parent

This parent will be responsible for communication to the club's coordinator of social media for your team including pictures, awards, news, and updates.

Player Guidelines

- a. Athletes must adhere to the USAV policies regarding drug and alcohol abuse and Safesport.
- b. Athletes must try and get at least eight hours of sleep the night before training or competition. Recovery is a key to safety and performance.
- c. Athletes must try to eat balanced meals and lots of water, milk, and juices. Refrain from sugar-based drinks and energy drinks.
- d. Athletes must report any and all injuries and or illnesses to the coach.
- e. A doctor's release must be supplied before an athlete is allowed to participate in training or competition following an injury or illness once a player is under a doctor's care or upon the club's director's suggestion.
- f. During training and competition, hydration is a must and will be required by the coach.

Attendance

1. All team practices are **mandatory**, coaches must be notified prior to practice about any absence except for emergencies. We will work with athletes who play multiple sports or have commitments but due diligence to make practices must be followed. A message in the team Groupme is appropriate.
2. Excessive or unexcused absences to practice may result in a decrease in playing time.
3. Attendance in tournaments is mandatory— players must commit financially and physically to the entire playing schedule, which includes officiating and line judging. Special circumstances need to be discussed with the Coach and/or Club Director.

Practice

Athletes:

1. Are expected to give maximum effort in every task.
2. Must be coachable and willing to change technical skill.
3. Should display a positive attitude toward practice, teammates, and coaches. Negative behavior by players may necessitate their removal from the gym/facility.
4. Should arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled practice time.

5. Should be ready to practice when it is their scheduled time, considering that courts must be set-up prior to practice.
6. Should make sure the court and facility are kept clean.
7. Must wear the BVC practice shirt to practice.
8. Bring water or Gatorade/Powerade to practice.

Competition

Players should:

1. Always display pride in themselves, the team, and the club.
2. Be courteous to officials, opponents, and coaches at all times.
3. Whenever possible, support other BVC teams.
4. Be courtside at the time that is set forth by the coach ready to play.
5. Be ready to play when called upon.
6. Know their role, whether on the court or waiting to play.
7. Bring team issued backpack with both sets of jerseys, shorts, kneepads, and shoes.
8. Bring enough water and a healthy snack.
9. Not leave a competition without informing the coach.
10. Perform and complete work assignments (line judge, books, etc.) before leaving the playing site.

Travel

1. Team hotels will be arranged by the club's designated person. All players are required to stay at the same hotel. Some tournaments are considered Stay and Play tournaments, which obligate the club to stay at designated hotels.
2. Transportation to tournaments is the responsibility of the parents.
3. Players may not drive themselves to tournaments unless text or written consent is given by the parent.
4. When roaming at hotels, restaurants, or playing sites, players must be accompanied by a parent or another player.
5. No player is allowed to leave the hotel or playing site without notifying the coach.
6. No one of the opposite sex is allowed in a room unless they are related to or accompanied by an adult.
7. The curfew for players (regardless of who they are staying with) to be in their room is 11:00 pm, or one hour after arriving at the hotel from the playing site.
8. Players that are not accompanied by a parent to a tournament must have the approval of their parent in writing.

Conduct

1. Players, parents, and coaches should hold themselves to a high level of conduct representing the ideals of BVC.
2. Those representing BVC (coaches, parents, siblings) should not be in possession of any alcoholic beverages at the player's court. In addition, parents, siblings, relatives,

and friends should not be under the influence of alcohol while attending the athlete's event.

3. Designating playing time is the responsibility of the coach. Playing games is a significant part of a player's development, so all players will receive playing time. Players will not necessarily receive the same amount of playing time. Playing time will be determined by numerous factors which include but are not limited to competition level, player's attitude, effort, ability, and position. Team systems and tournament priority will also be taken into consideration.

48 Hour Rule

1. If problems or issues occur during the season, the following procedure should take place when a parent or player would like the problem or issued addressed:
2. Set up a time to meet with the coach at least 48 hours after the event. Coaches are not allowed to discuss these concerns at a tournament.
3. Texting the coach is contacting the coach. This should take place 48 hours after the event.
4. Depending on the age of the player, BVC encourages players to talk directly with their coach to address concerns.
5. At times, it may be necessary for both the parent and player to meet with the coach regarding an issue. If a meeting is requested, the coach and club director will participate in the meeting.
6. Confrontations in public between players, parents, or coaches will not be tolerated and will be handled by the club director.
7. *Neither players nor parents should ever get involved with officiating or scoring matters. The coach will handle all of these problems. Members of the officiating team should not be approached by players or parents before, during, or after a match. The work team is part of the officiating team.

Disciplinary Action

1. Individuals associated with BVC not conducting themselves appropriately will be asked to meet with a team coach, assistant club director, or club director.
2. Disciplinary guidelines contained in USAV forms will be followed.
3. Where specific disciplinary actions are not mentioned, the club director will dictate the disciplinary actions.
4. Disciplinary actions will be implemented on a case-by-case basis to meet the specifics of each incident.
5. Disciplinary actions may include but are not limited to reprimands, practice suspension, match suspension and or tournament suspension and possible removal from the club for the remainder of the season. (This will not offer a refund or forgiveness of dues paid or owed.) The Bayou Region may impose further actions.
6. If the club is notified of offenses or sanctions given during an out of region event by a player and/or parent, any offenses or sanctions will be addressed and/or upheld by the club as well.

Due Process and Appeals

Parents are encouraged to formally address all concerns and appeals of disciplinary actions. A formal appeal of any enforced disciplinary action should be made in writing within 48 hours stating specific items of concern. All appeals are to be sent to kevin@bouyboys.club