



## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

**ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED BY ALL PLAYERS.** All athletes are expected to attend certain club events, including practices, sports performance training (select teams), team meetings, tournaments, mental training, team bonding, etc. Participation in community events, skills clinics, etc. are highly encouraged but not required.

Consistent participation fosters not only technical skill development, but also builds strong team cohesion, communication, and trust, all critical components for on-court success. Attending these events also allows athletes to immerse themselves fully in the team culture, which reinforces a sense of belonging and commitment. Moreover, these experiences contribute to personal growth, resilience, and mental toughness, essential traits that extend beyond the court. By being present at all functions, athletes enhance both their individual and collective potential, ensuring they are well prepared to face challenges and achieve their goals.

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### **Attendance Will Be Maintained For:**

Practice, Sports Performance (Select Teams), Team Meetings, Mental Training Sessions, Team Bonding Events, and Tournaments.

**Excused Absences:** Graded school events, school sports, non-school sports, illnesses, and family emergencies.

Excused absences will be deemed excused if, and only if, pre-coordination with the head coach is established.

**Unexcused Absences:** Anything else including homework, vacations, non-mandatory school functions, etc.

If a player has 1 unexcused absence, they will not start the first set of the first match at the next tournament.

If a player has 2 unexcused absences, they will not play in the first set of the first match at the next tournament.

If a player has 3 unexcused absences, they will not in the first match at the next tournament.

If a player has 4+ unexcused absences, the head coach, along with the Coaching Director, will have a one-on-one discussion with the player & their parents about the limited playing time they will receive at the next tournament.

If a player has an unexcused absence during a tournament, they will not play in the first match of the next tournament day.

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All multi-sport athletes will share their practice and game schedules with their coaches. Athletes are expected to attend practice after the other sports practice/game if times do not conflict.

Attending a partial practice will not result in an unexcused absence.

Athletes can attend a make-up practice with a team of the coaches choosing to cancel unexcused absences.

A parent must call or text the Head Coach when their child will miss a practice or tournament. If coaches do not hear from a parent and a player misses a practice or tournament, they will call or text the parent to check in.

Coaches will keep attendance records of all club events, which will be audited by the Coaching Director.

If multiple excused or unexcused absences occur, a meeting will be held with the coach, Coaching Director, player, and parents will be established.

### **GENERAL PLAYING TIME GUIDELINES**

There are 4 types of matches/tournaments we will encounter: scrimmage/in-house, regional, playoffs/medal-brackets, and qualifiers. All players will receive playing time during scrimmages/in-house tournaments. Playing Time at regional, playoff, medal-bracket, and/or qualifier tournaments will be determined by the attendance policy **and** the factors below:

1. Ability to execute during competition.
2. Ability to perform specific skills needed or play specific positions during competition.
3. Performance in practice (including skills, effort, maturity, knowledge & understanding of systems, attitude, teamwork).
4. Overall contribution, in whatever capacity, to the success of the team.

Athletic tendency dictates what position a person plays and their performance in practice dictates how and when they will be used in tournaments. Another factor that may influence court time is how they add to, or distract, the team's performance as compared to a teammate who plays the same position.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Club Cochise Volleyball ensures that all players will receive equal training opportunities at practice. However, playing time at tournaments is earned based on the above factors.

A player attending every practice does not guarantee them more playing time than others who have missed. While the attendance policy will set some limitations on athletes who miss practices, ultimately a player's ability to execute skills, attitude, and overall contribution to the team, will determine the amount of playing time they see.

## **CONCERNS ABOUT PLAYING TIME**

Players and parents are required to wait 48 hours after a tournament before initiating any type of communication with a coach regarding playing time issues or concerns from a tournament. Under no circumstances is it permissible for a player or parent to approach, call, or text a coach during the competition or at the tournament site to discuss playing time.

If a player or parent is concerned or unclear about their (child's) role on the team, they should initiate a meeting with their coach through email, call, or text to discuss the matter before or after practice. Playing time meetings will not take place during scheduled practices.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

I understand that CCVC is holding me to a high standard. Therefore, I understand that my first warning is reading and signing this Attendance/Playing Time Policy. I understand that my second warning will come at the Player/Parent Meeting with my specific coach and team.

Any violation of this Attendance/Playing Time Policy can result in the following:

Removal from a Practice, Match, or Tournament by Coaching Staff Approval

Suspension from a Practice, Match, or Tournament by Board Approval.

Removal from CCVC by Board Approval.

I acknowledge that all violations of this Attendance/Playing Time Policy will be reviewed for possible disciplinary action and/or dismissal from CCVC. I understand that decisions about disciplinary action/dismissal are reviewed and decided upon by the CCVC Board and that I can request a hearing by the Board. I will agree and adhere to their final decision.