



NORTHERN STARS VOLLEYBALL CLUB & NORTHSORE ROCKETS VOLLEYBALL CLUB

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes representing Northern Stars Volleyball Club (NSVC) or Northshore Rockets Volleyball Club (NRVC) are expected to uphold the values of respect, accountability, teamwork, and sportsmanship at all times. By accepting an offer and participating in club activities, athletes agree to comply with the following Code of Conduct.

1. Respect & Behaviour

Players must:

- Treat teammates, coaches, officials, duty teams, opposition players, and spectators with respect at all times.
- Refrain from abusive, aggressive, discriminatory, or unsportsmanlike behaviour (verbal or physical)
- Accept referee decisions without dissent
- Represent the club positively both on and off the court, including on social media

2. Commitment & Attendance

Players are expected to:

- Attend trainings, matches, and duties punctually and prepared
- Communicate absences in advance to their coach or team manager wherever possible
- Honour commitments made to their team and the club
- Repeated unexplained absences or lack of commitment may result in reduced court time, disciplinary action, or suspension.

3. Duty Responsibilities

Duty obligations are a fundamental part of participation in WAVL and are shared by all athletes – as stated in Terms and Conditions section 5.

Players must:

- Attend and actively participate in rostered duty requirements
- Perform duty tasks to a reasonable standard and as instructed
- Share duty responsibilities fairly within the team

Failure to meet duty expectations without a valid reason may result in warnings, fines, or further disciplinary action in accordance with the club's Terms & Conditions.

4. Equipment & Facilities Care

Players must:

- Take reasonable care of all club equipment, including match balls, nets, antennas, poles, and training equipment
- Use equipment only for its intended purpose
- Assist with the setup and pack-down of equipment when required
- Respect training and competition venues and leave facilities in good condition
- Damage caused through misuse or negligence may result in the player or team being required to repair or replace equipment.

5. Safety & Wellbeing

Players must:

- Prioritise safety at all times
- Follow reasonable instructions from coaches and officials
- Not participate while injured or unwell without appropriate clearance
- Immediately report injuries or unsafe conditions to a coach or club official

Zero Tolerance Behaviour:

- Physical violence or threats
- Discriminatory or harassing behaviour
- Deliberate damage to facilities or equipment
- Serious breaches of safety

6. Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Players must not:

- Consume alcohol or drugs prior to or during club activities
- Attend club activities under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Smoke or vape in indoor venues or designated non-smoking areas

7. Social Media & Public Representation

Players must:

- Avoid posting content that could bring the club, teammates, or officials into disrepute
- Not engage in online harassment, abuse, or public disputes relating to the club or competition
- Be mindful that they represent the club when wearing club apparel or identifying as a club member

8. Breaches & Disciplinary Action

Breaches of this Code of Conduct will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and may result in:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Fines
- Reduced court time
- Suspension from matches or training
- Termination of membership in serious or repeated cases

The club reserves the right to determine appropriate disciplinary action based on the severity and frequency of the breach.

9. Behaviour of Spectators (Player Responsibility)

Players must:

- Take reasonable responsibility for the behaviour of their guests and supporters
- Not encourage or tolerate abuse from sidelines directed at officials or players

10. Punctuality & Preparedness

Players must:

- Arrive on time for warm-ups, duties, and matches
- Be physically and mentally prepared to participate
- Notify their coach/manager early if running late or unavailable
- Wear official club uniform as directed on match days

Acknowledgement

By accepting membership with NSVC/NRVC, athletes (and parents/guardians where applicable) acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by this Player Code of Conduct.