

USA VOLLEYBALL PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

In consideration of the rights granted to me by my membership with the Regional Volleyball Association (RVA), a USA Volleyball (USAV) RVA member, I consent to abide by the rules of conduct set forth herein, while I am a member of the RVA. I understand that these rules extend to my conduct in activities related to, and during any USAV/RVA sanctioned event in which I participate. This includes all events or activities sanctioned or sponsored by the RVAs or the USAV, practices, travel to and from events, volleyball camps, players' clinics and officials' clinics. I also understand that if I violate any of the following rules, I might be subject to whatever disciplinary action is deemed appropriate by the authorized person, persons, boards or committees of the RVAs or USA Volleyball.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Illegal transport, illegal possession, or illegal use of drugs or other substances banned by the RVA or USAV. (NOTE: Disciplinary actions for use of banned substances shall be in accordance with USAV Drug Policy Program.)
2. Use of a recognized identification card by anyone other than the individual described on the card.
3. Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room, dormitory, residence or other person. (Restitution will be a part of any penalty imposed.)
4. Possession of fireworks, ammunition, firearms, other weapons or any item or material which by commonly accepted practices and principles would be a hazard or harmful to other persons.
5. Any action considered to be an offense under Federal, State or local laws/ordinances.
6. Violation of the specific policies, regulations, and/or procedures of the RVA, USAV or the facility used in conjunction with a sanctioned event. (It is the responsibility of the individual to be familiar with applicable specific policies, regulations and procedures.)
7. Conduct which is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior.
8. Physical or verbal intimidation of any individual.

USA VOLLEYBALL DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Infraction	When Occurred	Suggested Maximum Penalty**
First	Before or during event	Individual disqualified immediately (if person is a junior she/he will be sent home as soon as possible and parent or guardian notified.) The individual will be declared ineligible for RVA membership or USAV registration for one year starting from the date of the infraction.
	After event concludes	Individual will be declared ineligible for RVA membership or USAV registration for one year starting from the date of the infraction.
Second	Before or During event	Individual disqualified immediately (if person is a junior she/he will be sent home as soon as possible and parent or guardian notified). The individual will be declared ineligible for RVA membership or USAV registration for two years starting from the date of the infraction.
	After Event Concludes	Individual will be declared ineligible for RVA membership or USAV registration for two years starting from the date of the infraction.
Third		Individual will be immediately declared ineligible for RVA membership or USAV registration for the remainder of her/his lifetime.

NOTE: Major misbehavior (e.g. verbal or physical abuse of a child, sexual harassment, etc.) may subject the violator to immediate lifetime ineligibility for RVA membership or USAV registration.

**Appeals may be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the bylaws and operating code of the RVA and USA Volleyball as printed in the current RVA Handbook and Official USA Volleyball Guide, respectively.

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TO BE RETAINED BY MEMBER