



MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to efficiently facilitate diverse methods of Volleyball and create a positive atmosphere for athletes. To aid young girls in enhancing their skills while promoting self-worth, team work and a positive work ethic. Our ultimate goal is to be able to give athletes the option of playing at a collegiate level and opening doors that may otherwise be closed.

DEFINITIONS

AAU – American Athletic Union.

GEVA -The **Garden Empire Volleyball Association** (GEVA) is the local Regional Volleyball Authority of USA Volleyball, the National Governing Body of Volleyball that is responsible for the promotion and growth of volleyball in New Jersey, Long Island, and the Greater Metropolitan Area of New York City (to include Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Orange Counties).

USAV Junior Olympics- the USA Volleyball Junior Olympic

tournament held once yearly during the summer at various venues across the country

Club Team - GIRLS: 10-18

- Tryouts and tournaments November through May

TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be marketed through local media and local Jr. High and High School coaching staff.

In order to tryout, a player must present a tryout fee and a signed waiver from a parent or the player cannot step on the court.

Girls tryouts will be conducted over a 1 to 4 day period and will occur in late November.

Following tryouts, players earning a spot on a team will be contacted by the Club with an invitation to join Westchester Pride Volleyball Club. Once available spots are filled, a player/parent meeting will be held to review club policies.

The club reserves the right to change the format of the tryouts at their discretion.

All returning players must attend a minimum of one tryout day, although attending all days is recommended. The exception to this requirement would include players unable to attend tryouts due to fulfilling High School volleyball obligations. All new players must attend a minimum of one tryout with prior notification made to the club director. A player not attending any tryout may be assigned to a team at the club director's discretion but it may not be the highest level team for that age group, unless there is only one team for that age group. If a player does not attend tryouts, she will not be assigned to a roster until the tryout fee is collected.

The maximum number of players placed on any team for any age group cannot exceed **12** players.

REGISTRATION

All registration paperwork must be completed by the assigned date or the player cannot participate in practice or games. The registration packet along with the down payment(\$400) is due on or before the third team practice or the player will not be allowed to participate until it is received. In addition, the player's spot on the team may be compromised. Please process all paperwork and payments in a timely manner to ensure your player's position on the team. Registration Packets can be found online.

CORRESPONDENCE

Specific club or team correspondence will be conducted via e-mail (primary) and phone (secondary).

PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

Payments of club fees for the league season will be made to Westchester Pride Volleyball Club (WPVBC). Payments are due by the first of the month for league or by due dates on individual contracts. If payments are not received in a timely manner, the player will not be allowed to participate in practices and/or tournaments until the account is brought up-to-date. Individual payment contracts must be arranged by the parent with the Club Director. WPVBC is committed to working with parents to set up personalized payment plans.

The Club's cost structure for a player's participation is ***not variable***. This means that if a player no longer plays with her team, either by choice or is removed for violation of Club policy, the costs do not decrease: the same gymnasium rental fees must be paid and the team's tournament entry fees are unchanged. Therefore, there are **NO REFUNDS**.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance should be a priority for all practices and tournaments. Any player absent from a practice or match must notify her coach a minimum 48 hours prior to the scheduled practice or tournament. A no-show at a practice or match without **DIRECT** verbal notification to the coach will result in a mandatory benching at the next game (25pts) the player

attends. The number of games benched beyond the required one game is at the discretion of the coach.

Players are expected to be punctual and will be on the court prepared to practice at the designated time. Players will concentrate on volleyball training during practice time. Distractions and outside influences are not tolerated. Conversations with other players must relate to the practice. Players are responsible to coaches and team members to put forth their best effort at all times. During drills, a player will perform to the best of her ability. In transition, she will run to shag balls and return to the team.

UNIFORMS

Players are required to wear ALL pieces of club uniform during every game.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Any player in need of financial assistance must submit in writing a request to the Director seeking financial assistance. Please see scholarship form on the website.

TRAVEL

Parents and players are responsible for all travel arrangements.

CODES OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

The following codes have been adopted by West Slope VBC from the Northern California Volleyball Association Handbook. The following is not a complete list of conduct codes, but gives a starting point regarding proper behavior at a volleyball event for spectators and parents.

Volleyball Parent Code of Conduct

1. Remain in the spectator area during matches.
2. Do not advise the coach on how to coach.
3. Do not make derogatory comments to coaches, officials, tournament directors or players of either team.
4. Do not try to coach your child during the match.
5. Do not drink alcohol at tournaments or come to a

- tournament having consumed too much alcohol.
6. Cheer for your child's team.
 7. Show interest, enthusiasm, and support for your child.
 8. Be in control of your emotions.
 9. Help when asked by coaches or officials.
 10. Thank coaches, officials, tournament directors, and other volunteers who hosted the event.
 11. Know the rules.
 12. Avoid conduct that is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior.
 13. Physical or verbal intimidation of any individual is unacceptable.
 14. Follow the rules of the tournament, such as NO FOOD IN GYM, no beach chairs, etc.

Athlete Code of Conduct

As an athlete, I will:

- participate in volleyball free of alcohol and drugs.
- use positive verbal and physical behavior, controlling my temper and aggression.
- give true information concerning another individual's involvement in or knowledge of an incident relevant to a violation of the rules.
- play by the rules of volleyball.
- display fair play by treating those involved in the match with dignity and respect.
- treat others as I would like to be treated.
- work hard and honestly to improve performance and participation.
- maintain a positive image of myself by participating for enjoyment.
- respect the decisions of officials and tournament directors.

Club Director

As a club director, I will:

- insist that coaches conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- provide equal opportunities and equal access for everyone to participate.
- insist that unruly fans be removed from the premises.
- follow the rules and regulations of USAV/WSVBC to ensure that the association's philosophy and objectives are enhanced.
- develop programs that encompass fairness to the participants and promote fair play.
- positively promote and publicize volleyball.
- hire positive role models for athletes.
- assist in the provision of appropriate first aid and injury treatment of athletes.

Consequences

Players will be respectful at all times of coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, spectators and parents, both on and off the court.

0. Players are responsible for doing their share of officiating duties. Failure to do so will result in being benched for a duration determined by the coach.
1. No cell phones are to be used during practice time or during games/matches unless for emergencies.
2. Disciplinary action concerning players will be handled by the club Director. Standard policy and procedure will be followed for disciplinary action to a player:
 - 1st infraction: Verbal warning
 - 2nd infraction: Parent Meeting
 - 3rd infraction: Player behavioral contract
 - 4th infraction: Dismissal from the club without refund

Ø Major infractions may be cause for

immediate dismissal without refund

Parent Responsibilities

1. Parents will be responsible and prompt with payment of their club fees.
2. Parents will not approach a coach to discuss their child's play for a minimum of 24 hours following a tournament or match.
3. Parents will act respectfully towards officials, coaches, spectators, players, opponents and other parents.
4. Parents agree to be responsible for their child at all times except when their child is under the direct supervision of a coach (or team chaperone) during practices or games.
5. Any parent having a complaint or situation agrees to follow the steps for resolution of conflict outlined in this club manual under "Chain of Command."
6. Parents agree to not discuss their grievances about a coach to another parent.
7. Parents agree to inform the Director of any change in medical history on file with Westchester Pride Volleyball Club.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The club encourages our players to address grievances first before involving parents. This will help them find their voices on, as well as off, the court. Parents are encouraged to support this character-building process.

Situation: Player or Parent has a grievance about playing time or position.

1. Coach
2. Club Director

Situation: Player or Parent has grievance about a coach's conduct or philosophy.

1. Club Director

Situation: Player or Parent has a grievance with policy or procedure enforcement.

2. Club Director

Situation: Player placement/position on team.

3. Coach AND Club Director

Situation: Parent or Player needs a personal payment plan.

4. Club Director

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