



CLUB HANDBOOK

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OUR PHILOSOPHY

OUR MISSION

Florida HYPE Volleyball is dedicated to Helping Youth Perform with Excellence in individual endeavors and sports. Offering high-quality coaching to develop strong athletes within a club culture that focuses on character, leadership, and philanthropic involvement within the community. It is more than a sport. It is Family.

OUR VISION

It is our ultimate vision that our athletes develop exceptional volleyball skills while learning the value of serving others both on and off the court.

OUR GOALS

HIGH INTENSITY

Whether performing drills, competing in a tournament, or volunteering at a community shelter, we expect 100% focus and participation from our coaches, athletes, and families.

YIELDING MAXIMUM POTENTIAL

Your capacity to perform at the utmost range of your own ability. Whether on or off the court, we want our athletes to achieve greatness and leave the task at hand knowing they gave it their all.

PERSEVERANCE / POSITIVITY

We want our athletes to be willing to push their own limits and positively acknowledge that their efforts will lead to progress. By working together to create short- and long-term goals, our coaches and athletes can navigate challenges with a greater sense of self and confidence in our organization.

EXCELLENCE / ENCOURAGEMENT

Athletes, and coaches alike, are expected to encourage one another in their pursuit of excellence. While on our journey to achieve greatness, we understand that there is “No loss in lessons learned.”

TRYOUTS

On the day of Tryouts, coaches and directors will be available to answer any questions you may have. The coaches will meet immediately following the tryouts to review their evaluations and will decide which players will be offered a position with Florida HYPE. Decisions will not be made solely on the athlete's skill level. Other factors are the athlete's coachability, interaction with others, attitude, sportsmanship, and their general love of the game.

Phone calls or emails will be made following tryouts. All parents will be notified if their athlete will be offered a position.

If offered a position with Florida HYPE Volleyball Club, the parents will have 24 hours from the time of offer to decide whether they will accept a position with Florida HYPE Volleyball. The reason for what seems to be a short time to decide is not meant to pressure anyone into deciding; but, in the case of non-acceptance, the position is then opened to a potential player that may have otherwise not been offered a position with Florida HYPE. If the position is accepted, the parents will be asked to update the players USAV Membership and AAU Membership with Florida HYPE Volleyball Club as their club affiliation and will be required to pay a nonrefundable deposit.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time is not guaranteed for any player at any level. However, our coaches are trained to be sensitive to the fact that parents have paid a significant amount of money to be part of the team. Every effort will be made to give all athletes playing time at tournaments.

However, during more competitive matches, not every athlete may get on the court.

Decisions about playing time will be based on a club-wide standard of evaluating a player.

That standard is **ATTITUDE**, **EFFORT**, and **OUTCOME**, in that order.

The **ATTITUDE** the athlete brings to each practice and each game. This includes how the athlete portrays themselves and their team from the bench as well. We look for attitudes that are positive, respectful, and encouraging. It is our desire that a player's attitude contributes to the overall unity of the team.

The **EFFORT** put in by the athlete at each practice and each game. Full effort is always expected from each player. Effort includes attendance, being absent from a practice or game may affect play time.

OUTCOME is how well the athlete is performing (in practices as well as games). The skill level is important when determining playing time, but the primary source of growth will develop in practices. Effort here must match the expected intensity in games.

ATHLETE CONDUCT

Athletes that are a part of Florida HYPE Volleyball are expected to be always respectful. All players will be asked to sign a player code of conduct prior to the start of the season. If this code of conduct is violated, it will result in immediate repercussions that can include but are not limited to decreased play time, suspension, and termination from the organization. Please reference 'Player Code of Conduct' for specific expectations.

PARENT CONDUCT

Florida HYPE Volleyball Club strives to create a positive, supportive, fun environment for both athletes and parents. To that end, we ask our parents to sign the Parent Code of Conduct that outlines some of our expectations. If this code of conduct is violated, it will result in immediate repercussions that can include removal from facilities, suspension of an athlete, or termination from the organization. Please reference 'Parent Code of Conduct' for specific expectations.

PRACTICE

Parents and other direct family members are welcome to attend practices, but we ask that there be no "coaching" from the stands. Athletes must be able to focus on the instructions of the coaches and not be distracted by additional instructions from parents. We also ask that parents are respectful of all athletes and families in the gym and a part of our program. HYPE coaches reserve the right to ask a parent to leave the gym during practice if the parent is not abiding club or team expectations.

GAMES

Parents are encouraged to show regard and self-control in all situations. The utmost respect should be given to referees and line judges at every competition. Please remember that line judges are usually athletes, just like yours, doing the best they can. If you have ever seen parents yelling at your child over a call that they disagree with, you know how badly that can make your child feel. HYPE families will be held to a high standard of behavior in all situations. Parents lead by example. If we, as the adults, want our kids to show self-control and respect, we must model that as well.

DISPUTE/GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Florida HYPE Volleyball Club fully comprehends the value of parent involvement and encourages our parents to offer feedback, but to do so in a respectful way. The below procedure is designed to help athletes and parents with questions, concerns, or problems that may occur during the season. It ensures open and honest communication between all parties involved.

24-hour rule: If the athlete or parent has a concern arising from a tournament or practice that needs to be addressed, they must wait at least 24 hours after the conclusion of the event to discuss the issue with any staff. We trust that parents will be appropriate in communicating with coaches regarding potential issues that would distract that coach from their primary objective of coaching the team. It is unacceptable for a parent to approach staff about issues at a tournament. Additionally, do not approach the coach immediately before the start of practice. The coach must focus on the athletes and the training required during practice. If you would like to discuss with a coach you may reach out following the outlined steps below and schedule a time to have a meeting.

The athlete must first ask for a meeting with the coach to discuss the issue at hand. In the case of players on 13's or younger teams, the parents may request the meeting, in which the athlete, parent and coach must be present.

If the issue is unresolved, the parents may ask for a meeting between themselves, the athlete, and the coach to discuss the issue. The meeting should take place at a location considered adequate for a private discussion agreed upon by both the parent and coach – NOT at a tournament or during practice time.

If the issue is unresolved, the parent may ask for a meeting with the club director, the head coach, and the athlete. The meeting should take place at a location considered adequate for private discussion, agreed upon by the parent, coach, and director and during a scheduled time away from practice or a tournament is appropriate. The decision of the club director at this point is final.

It is essential that our parents serve as a support system for our club, players, and coaches. To ask this, we, as the club director, staff, and coaches need to be available to empower parents and athletes with information and ensure understanding. When all parties share time together, the potential conflict creates a greater opportunity to learn from each other different strategies in how all parties can communicate effectively and be more congruent in cultivating a positive experience for our athletes.

REFUND POLICY

Accepting a position on a club team obligates each player to agree to pay in full the registration and club fees, which are non-refundable, regardless of whether the player decides to leave HYPE prior to the end of the season. If a player wishes to be released from the program, stops playing, or is injured, HYPE reserves the right not to release the player until all funds due are paid. A player who stops playing during the season is not released from their financial obligation to HYPE. In the event a player wishes to be released from HYPE, we ask that the parent/guardian submit a letter or email stating the reason for withdrawal to the Director of HYPE. Please see the Club Release Policy form at the end of this handbook. For further explanation of the refund policy, please see the 'Financial Agreement' form.

COSTS AND PAYMENT POLICY

Costs vary for each team level according to schedule and age group.

Costs and budgets for the upcoming season are announced each October at our club-wide Parent Meeting. Our payment policy is as follows:

- Deposit due upon commitment. Amount is dependent on the team.
- Balance of fees to be paid in quarters in the first 4 months of practice.
- Players will not receive a uniform until commitment, deposit and first month's fees have been paid.

More details on costs and payment policy can be found in our financial agreement.



Club Release Policy

If an athlete/family decides to depart Florida HYPE Volleyball Club during the respective season, the following steps must take place:

Release Policy:

STEP 1 - The athlete/family in question must submit a written request for release to the Club Director, **Leo Grossman**, at **Hypevolleyballclub@gmail.com** and to the Florida Region at **membership@FloridaVolleyball.org** stating the reason for the request.

Club may deny request for release of the athlete.

STEP 2 – If the club approves release of the athlete.

1. All financial obligations agreed upon contractually must be paid in full before the athlete is approved to be released.
2. Payment Option – Cashier's check or money order
3. Once payment is received by cashier's check or money order the club will send an email to the Florida Region at **membership@floridavolleyball.org** approving release of the named athlete.

The club may agree to waive the requirements above on a case-by-case basis.

Transfer Policy: A player can represent only one club during the season. A change in the geographical location of the family due to a change in job, military, scholastic or inner-collegiate status may receive special consideration. No player may participate in different Qualifying events with different clubs/teams. Proof of residency must be provided by the family at the time of the release/transfer request.

Once an athlete has participated in a **National Qualifier Event (Regional or NQ)** they may not be released for the rest of the season to another club. Please refer to the USA Volleyball (USAV) Championship Manual on releases for athletes that participate in regional or national qualifying/bid events.

Parent Name (Print)

Athlete Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date:

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Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAP)

Covered Organizations/LAOs are required to implement the following athlete abuse prevention policies to satisfy these requirements, USA Volleyball provides these policies to USAV member clubs. Clubs may choose to implement stricter standards.

Required Policies:

- a. One-on-one interactions
- b. Meetings and training sessions
- c. Athletic training modalities, massages, and rubdowns
- d. Locker rooms and changing areas
- e. Electronic communications
- f. Transportation
- g. Lodging

REQUIRED POLICIES FOR ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS

The U.S. Center for SafeSport recognizes that youth-adult relationships can be healthy and valuable for development. Policies on one-on-one interactions protect children while allowing for these beneficial relationships. As child sexual abuse is often perpetrated in isolated, one-on-one situations, it is critical that organizations limit such interactions between youth and adults and implement programs that reduce the risk of sexual abuse.

ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS

USA Volleyball, RVAs and USAV member clubs, as well as all Adult Participants, shall comply with the following one-on-one policy A. Mandatory Components

1. Observable and Interruptible

- a. All one-on-one In-Program Contact between an Adult Participant and a Minor
Athlete must be observable and interruptible, except in emergency circumstances.
- b. The exceptions below may apply to specific policies, and if the exceptions apply, they are listed in the policy. These exceptions also apply to all one-on-one In- Program Contact not specifically addressed in other policies:
 - i. When a Dual Relationship exists; or
 - ii. When the Close-in-Age Exception applies; or
 - iii. If a Minor Athlete needs an Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant, and:
 - (1) the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent to USA Volleyball, the Region or Club for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and

- (2) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and
- (3) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Volleyball's screening policy; or iv. In other circumstances specifically addressed in this policy that allow for certain one-on-one interactions if USA Volleyball, the Region or Club receives parent/ guardian consent.

MEETINGS AND TRAINING SESSIONS

USA Volleyball, RVAs and USAV member clubs, as well as all Adult Participants, shall comply with the following Meetings and Training Sessions Policy

A. Mandatory Components

1. Observable and Interruptible

Adult Participants must follow the one-on-one interaction policy in all meetings and training sessions where Minor Athlete(s) are present.

2. Individual Training Sessions

a. One-on-one, In-Program, individual training sessions must be observable and interruptible except if:

- i. A Dual Relationship exists; or ii. The Close-in-Age Exception applies; or iii. A Minor Athlete needs an Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant, and:

- (1) the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent to USA Volleyball, the Region or the Club for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and
- (2) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and
- (3) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Volleyball's screening policy.

b. The Adult Participant providing the individual training session must receive advance, written consent from the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian at least annually, which can be withdrawn at any time; and

c. Parents/guardians must be allowed to observe the individual training session.

3. Meetings with licensed mental health care professionals and health care providers (other than athletic trainers¹)

¹ Athletic trainers who are covered under these policies must follow the "Athletic Training Modalities, Massages, and Rubdowns" policy.

If a licensed mental health care professional or licensed health care provider meets one-on-one with a Minor Athlete at a sanctioned event or a facility, which is partially or fully under USA Volleyball's jurisdiction, the meeting must be observable and interruptible except:

- a. If the door remains unlocked; and
- b. Another adult is present at the facility and notified that a meeting is occurring, although the Minor Athlete's identity needs not be disclosed; and
- c. USA Volleyball, the Region or Club is notified that the provider will be meeting with a Minor Athlete; and
- d. The provider obtains consent consistent with applicable laws and ethical standards, which can be withdrawn at any time.

B. USA Volleyball Recommended Requirements

1. Monitoring

If a permitted meeting or training session takes place between an Adult Participant(s) and a Minor Athlete(s) at a facility partially or fully under USA Volleyball's jurisdiction, another Adult Participant will monitor each meeting or training session. Monitoring includes reviewing the parent/guardian consent form, knowing that the meeting or training session is occurring, knowing the approximate planned duration of the meeting or training session, and dropping in on the meeting or training session.

2. Parent Training

Parents/guardians receive the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training on child abuse prevention before providing consent for their Minor Athlete to have a meeting or training session with an Adult Participant subject to these policies.

ATHLETIC TRAINING MODALITIES, MESSAGES, AND RUBDOWNS
USA Volleyball, RVAs and USAV member clubs, as well as all Adult Participants, shall comply with the following Athletic Training Modalities, Messages, and Rubdown policy

A. Mandatory Components

1. Athletic training modality, message, or rubdown

All In-Program athletic training modalities, messages, or rubdowns of a Minor Athlete must:

- a. Be observable and interruptible; and
- b. Have another Adult Participant physically present for the athletic training modality, message, or rubdown; and
- c. Have documented consent as explained in subsection (2) below; and
- d. Be performed with the Minor Athlete fully or partially clothed, ensuring that the breasts, buttocks, groin, or genitals are always covered; and
- e. Allow parents/guardians in the room as an observer, except for competition or training venues that limit credentialing.
- f. The provider must narrate the steps in the message, rubdown, or athletic training modality before taking them, seeking assent of the Minor Athlete throughout the process.

2. Consent

- a. Providers of athletic training modalities, messages, and rubdowns or USAV, RVAs or Clubs, when applicable, must obtain consent at least annually from Minor Athletes' parents/guardians before providing any athletic training modalities, messages, or rubdowns.
- b. When possible, techniques should be used to reduce physical touch of the Minor Athlete.
- c. Only licensed providers can administer a message, rubdown or athletic training modality.
- d. Coaches, regardless of whether they are licensed massage therapists, cannot massage Minor Athletes
- e. Minor Athletes or their parents/guardians can withdraw consent at any time.

B. Recommended components

1. Parent Training

Parents/guardians receive the U.S. Center for SafeSport education and training on child

abuse prevention before providing consent for their Minor Athlete to receive an athletic training modality, message, or rubdown.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

USA Volleyball, RVAs and USAV member clubs, as well as all Adult Participants, shall comply with the following Locker Rooms and Changing Areas policy

A. Mandatory Components

1. Observable and Interruptible

Adult Participants must ensure that all one-on-one In-Program Contact with Minor Athlete(s) in a locker room, changing area, or similar space where Minor Athlete(s) are present is observable and interruptible, except if:

- a. A Dual Relationship exists; or
- b. The Close-in-Age Exception applies; or
- c. A Minor Athlete needs a Personal Care Assistant and:
 - i. the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent to USA Volleyball, the Region or the Club for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and ii. the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and iii. the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Volleyball's screening policy.

2. Conduct in Locker Rooms, Changing Areas, and Similar Spaces

- a. No Adult Participant or Minor Athlete can use the photographic or recording capabilities of any device in locker rooms, changing areas, or any other area designated as a place for changing clothes or undressing.
- b. Adult Participants must not change clothes or behave in a manner that intentionally or recklessly exposes their breasts, buttocks, groins, or genitals to a Minor Athlete.
- c. Adult Participants must not shower with Minor Athletes unless:
 - i. The Adult Participant meets the Close-in-Age Exception; or ii. The shower is part of a pre- or post-activity rinse while wearing swimwear.
- d. Parents/guardians may request in writing that their Minor Athlete(s) not change or shower with Adult Participant(s) during In-Program Contact. USA Volleyball and the Adult Participant(s) must abide by this request.

3. Media and Championship Celebrations in Locker Rooms

USA Volleyball may permit recording or photography in locker rooms for the purpose of highlighting a sport or athletic accomplishment if:

- i. Parent/legal guardian consent has been obtained; and

- ii. USA Volleyball, the Region or Club approves the specific instance of recording or photography; and
- iii. Two or more Adult Participants are present; and iv. Everyone is fully clothed.

4. Personal Care Assistants

Adult Participant Personal Care Assistants are permitted to be with and assist Minor Athlete(s) in locker rooms, changing areas, and similar spaces where other Minor Athletes are present, if they meet the requirements in subsection (1)(a)(iii) above.

5. Availability and Monitoring of Locker Rooms, Changing Areas, and Similar Spaces

- a. USA Volleyball, the Region or Club must provide a private or semi-private place for Minor Athletes that need to change clothes or undress at sanctioned events or facilities partially or fully under USA Volleyball's jurisdiction.
- b. USA Volleyball the Region or Club must monitor the use of locker rooms, changing areas, and similar spaces to ensure compliance with these policies at sanctioned events or facilities partially or fully under USA Volleyball's jurisdiction.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS²

USA Volleyball, RVAs and USAV member clubs, as well as all Adult Participants, shall comply with the following Electronic Communications policy

A. Mandatory Components

1. Open and Transparent

- a. All one-on-one electronic communications between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must be Open and Transparent except:
 - i. When a Dual Relationship exists; or ii. When the Close-in-Age Exception applies; or iii. If a Minor Athlete needs a Personal Care Assistant and:
 - (1) the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent to USA Volleyball, the Region or Club for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and
 - (2) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and

² Electronic communications include, but are not limited to: phone calls, videoconferencing, video coaching, texting, and social media.

- (3) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Volleyball's screening policy.
 - b. Open and Transparent means that the Adult Participant copies or includes the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian, another adult family member of the Minor Athlete, or another Adult Participant.
 - If a Minor Athlete communicates with the Adult Participant first, the Adult Participant must follow this policy if the Adult Participant responds.
 - c. Only platforms that allow for Open and Transparent communication may be used to communicate with Minor Athletes.
2. Team Communication

When an Adult Participant communicates electronically to the entire team or any number of Minor Athletes on the team, the Adult Participant must copy or include another Adult Participant or the Minor Athletes' parents/guardians.
3. Content

All electronic communication originating from an Adult Participant(s) to a Minor Athlete(s) must be professional in nature unless an exception in (1)(a) exists.
4. Requests to discontinue

Parents/guardians may request in writing that USA Volleyball or an Adult Participant subject to this policy not contact their Minor Athlete through any form of electronic communication. USA Volleyball and the Adult Participant must abide by any request to discontinue, absent emergency circumstances.
5. Hours

Electronic communications must be sent only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. local time for the location of the Minor Athlete.
6. Social Media Connections

Adult Participants, except those with a Dual Relationship or who meet the Close-in-Age Exception, are not permitted to maintain private social media connections with Minor Athletes and must discontinue existing social media connections with Minor Athletes.

TRANSPORTATION

USA Volleyball, RVAs and USAV member clubs, as well as all Adult Participants, shall comply with the following Transportation policy

A. Mandatory Components

1. Transportation

- a. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one during In-Program travel, except if:
 - i. A Dual Relationship exists; or ii. The Close-in-Age Exception applies; or iii. A Minor Athlete needs a Personal Care Assistant and:
 - (1) the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent to USA Volleyball, the Region or Club for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete; and
 - (2) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and
 - (3) the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Volleyball's screening policy; or
 - iv. The Adult Participant has advance, written consent to transport the Minor Athlete one-on-one obtained at least annually from the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian.
- b. Minor Athlete(s) or their parent/guardian can withdraw consent at any time.
- c. An Adult Participant meets the In-Program transportation requirements if the Adult Participant is accompanied by another Adult Participant or at least two minors.
- d. Written consent from a Minor Athlete's parent/guardian is required for all transportation sanctioned by USA Volleyball, the Region, or Club at least annually.

2. Shared or Carpool Travel Arrangement

USA Volleyball mandates parents/guardians to pick up their Minor Athlete first and drop off their Minor Athlete last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.

LODGING

USA Volleyball, RVAs and USAV member clubs, as well as all Adult Participants, shall comply with the following Lodging policy

A. Mandatory Components

1. Hotel Rooms and Other Sleeping Arrangements

- a. All In-Program Contact at a hotel or lodging site between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must be observable and interruptible, and an Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or otherwise sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete(s), except if:
 - i. A Dual Relationship Exists, and the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided USA Volleyball, the Region or Club with advance, written consent for the lodging arrangement;
 - ii. The Close-in-Age Exception applies, and the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided USA Volleyball, the Region or Club with advance, written consent for the lodging arrangement; or
 - iii. The Minor Athlete needs a Personal Care Assistant, and:
 - (1) The Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided advance, written consent to USA Volleyball, the Region or Club for the Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant to work with the Minor Athlete and for the lodging arrangement;
 - (2) The Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with the Education & Training Policy; and
 - (3) The Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant has complied with USA Volleyball's screening policy.

- b. Written consent from a Minor Athlete's parent/guardian must be obtained for all In- Program lodging at least annually.

2. Monitoring or Room Checks During In-Program Travel

If USA Volleyball, the Region or Club performs room checks during In-Program lodging, the one-on- one interaction policy must be followed and at least two adults must be present for the room checks.

3. Additional Requirements for Lodging Authorized or Funded by USA Volleyball, RVAs or Clubs.

- a. Adult Participants traveling with USA Volleyball, the Region or Club must agree to and sign USA Volleyball, the Region or Club 's lodging policy at least annually.
- b. Adult Participants that travel overnight with Minor Athlete(s) are assumed to have Authority over Minor Athlete(s) and thus must comply with the Center's Education & Training Policy.

PART IV

RECOMMENDED POLICIES FOR KEEPING YOUNG ATHLETES SAFE

A. Out-of-Program Contact

Adult Participants, who do not meet the Close-in-Age Exception nor have a Dual Relationship with a Minor Athlete, should not have out-of-program contact with Minor Athlete(s) without legal/parent guardian consent, even if the out-of-program contact is not one-on-one.

B. Gifting

1. Adult Participants, who do not meet the Close-in-Age Exception nor have a Dual Relationship with a Minor Athlete, should not give personal gifts to Minor Athlete(s).
2. Gifts that are equally distributed to all athletes and serve a motivational or education purpose are permitted.

C. Photography/Video

1. Photographs or videos of athletes may only be taken in public view and must observe generally accepted standards of decency.
2. Adult Participants should not publicly share or post photos or videos of Minor Athlete(s) if the Adult Participant has not obtained the Parent/Guardian and Minor Athlete's consent.

TERMINOLOGY

Adult Participant: Any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:

- a. A member or license holder of USA Volleyball, RVAs or Clubs ;
- b. An employee or board member of USA Volleyball, RVAs or Clubs ;
- c. Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of USA Volleyball, RVAs or Clubs ;
- d. Authorized, approved, or appointed by USA Volleyball, RVAs, or Clubs to have regular contact with or authority over Minor Athletes.³

Amateur Athlete: An athlete who meets the eligibility standards established by the National Governing Body or paralympic sports organization for the sport in which the athlete competes.

³ This may include volunteers, medical staff, trainers, chaperones, monitors, contract personnel, bus/van drivers, officials, adult athletes, staff, board members, and any other individual who meets the Adult Participant definition

Authority: When one person's position over another person is such that, based on the totality of the circumstances, they have the power or right to direct, control, give orders to, or make decisions for that person. Also see the Power Imbalance definition in the SafeSport Code. NOTE: NGBs, PSOs, and the USOPC must submit/include categories of members/individuals that fall under the definition including specific volunteer designations.

Close-in-Age Exception: An exception applicable to certain policies when an Adult Participant does not have authority over a Minor Athlete and is not more than four years older than the Minor Athlete (e.g., a 19-year-old and a 16-year-old). Note: this exception only applies within the prevention policies and not regarding conduct defined in the SafeSport Code.

Dual Relationships: An exception applicable to certain policies when an Adult Participant has a dual role or relationship with a Minor Athlete and the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian has provided written consent at least annually authorizing the exception.

In-Program Contact: Any contact (including communications, interactions, or activities) between an Adult Participant and any Minor Athlete(s) related to participation in sport.

Examples of In-Program Contact include, but are not limited to: competition, practices, camps/clinics, training/instructional sessions, pre/post game meals or outings, team travel, review of game film, team- or sport-related relationship building activities, celebrations, award ceremonies, banquets, team- or sport-related fundraising or community service, sport education, or competition site visits.

Local Affiliated Organization (LAO): A regional, state, or local club or organization that is directly affiliated with an NGB or that is affiliated with an NGB by its direct affiliation with a regional or state affiliate of said NGB. LAO does not include a regional, state, or local club or organization that is only a member of a National Member Organization of an NGB. LAOs of USA Volleyball include all 41 Regional Volleyball Association regions and all volleyball clubs that are a member of those regions.

Minor Athlete: An Amateur Athlete under 18 years of age who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, an event, program, activity, or competition that is part of, or partially or fully under the jurisdiction of, an NGB, PSO, USOPC, or LAO.

Partial or Full Jurisdiction: Includes any sanctioned event (including all travel and lodging in connection with the event) by the NGB, PSO, USOPC, or LAO, or any facility that the NGB, PSO, USOPC, or LAO owns, leases, or rents for practice, training or competition.

National Governing Body (NGB): A U.S. Olympic National Governing Body, Pan American Sport

Organization, or Paralympic Sport Organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. §§ 220501, et seq. This definition shall also apply to the USOPC, or other sports entity approved by the USOPC, when they have assumed responsibility for the management or governance of a sport included on the program of the Olympic, Paralympic, or Pan-American Games.

Adult Participant Personal Care Assistant: An Adult Participant who assists an athlete requiring help with activities of daily living (ADL) and preparation for athletic participation. This support can be provided by a Guide for Blind or visually impaired athletes or can include assistance with transfer, dressing, showering, medication administration, and toileting. Personal Care Assistants are different for every athlete and should be individualized to fit their specific needs. When assisting a Minor Athlete, Adult Participant PCAs must be authorized by the athlete's parent/guardian.

Paralympic Sport Organization (PSO): an amateur sports organization recognized and certified as an NGB by the USOPC.

Regular Contact: Ongoing interactions during a 12-month period wherein an Adult Participant is in a role of direct and active engagement with any Minor Athlete(s). **NOTE:** NGBs, PSOs, and the USOPC must submit/include categories of members/individuals that fall under the definition including specific volunteer designations.

U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC): A federally chartered nonprofit corporation that serves as the National Olympic Committee and National Paralympic Committee for the United States.

APPENDIX I

CHART OF POSSIBLE ADULT PARTICIPANTS IN USAV:

Adult Participant	Regular Contact	Authority Over
USAV Staff/Interns	X	X
USAV Board Members		X
Region/Club Staff	X	X
Region/Club Board Members		X
Coaches	X	X
Officials	X	X
USAV Members 18 years or over on teams with Minors	X	
Chaperones	X	X
Club Administrators	X	X
Arbitrators	X	X
Medical Professionals	X	X
Athletic Trainers	X	X
Independent Contractors	X	

USAV Members 18 and over who are only participating in Opens (i.e., not also a club coach, chaperone, or board member) with no minor players are not required to take training.