



South Shore Smash Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of the athletes, coaches and parents of the South Shore Smash Volleyball Club and to best represent the program, players and coaching staff, I hereby agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- I will learn the rules of the game & policies of the South Shore Smash Volleyball Club.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults and will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am the official coach.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship, respect and courtesy, by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or tournament.
- I will refrain from using social media (i.e. facebook, twitter) to speak negatively of team players, team opponents, spectators, officials, coaches and other parents.
- I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex or ability.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning and will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the tournament and will take the time if needed, to speak with the coach at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all tournaments and practices.
- I understand that volleyball is a team sport and that the position my child plays is up to the coach's discretion for the betterment of the team.
- I understand that playing time will be afforded to all players, but not necessarily in equal proportions. Substituting in or out of a game reflects players' strengths and/or weaknesses or in some cases strategy adjustments by a coach. Playing time may be influenced by attendance, tardiness, discipline, and ultimately by ability under or in pressure situations. These decisions will be discussed with the athlete themselves.
- I also agree that if I fail to abide by the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following: (A) Verbal warning by the official, coach, tournament director or Club Coordinator (B) Parental tournament suspension for one or more tournaments (C) Suspension of my child from the team, season or program with no refund.