**SKILLZ FINEST TNL VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

**Parent Contract**

**Mission**

It is the mission of Skillz Finest Volleyball Club to provide a positive, competitive youth volleyball experience for players, parents and coaches.  We emphasize long-term player development of physical, emotional and social skills.  While winning is an absolute priority in club volleyball, winning will not be placed above good sportsmanship (defined as respecting rules and procedures set forth below, teammates, coaches, officials, opponents and one’s self).  It is our goal to create an environment that will benefit the individual as well as the team.

You have joined an elite, competitive volleyball program.  Competitive team athletics, by its very nature, creates situations where everyone may not be happy all the time.  Team success is intimately linked to individual success.  Each player will fill a necessary role on the team.  Although some roles are larger than others, none are insignificant to the overall success of the team.  Coaches will discuss and define each role with the individual.  Players are encouraged to use practices as an avenue for further developing their skills and expanding their role on the team.   Players and parents must understand that the only desire of the coach is to assist the team in reaching its full potential   We can only achieve this by encouraging, acknowledging and supporting each other’s efforts in practice, scrimmages and tournaments.

 **Expectations**

This **Code of Conduct** is a written contract between parents, players and coaches to abide by the policies and procedures of Skillz Finest Volleyball Club. We expect all parties to maintain a positive attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanlike behavior. This contract is more than just paper, it is our policies and procedures and adherence to these policies and procedures is of primary importance. To participate in Skillz Finest Volleyball Club, all players and parents are required to agree to and sign this Code of Conduct.

**Zero Tolerance Policy:** Skillz Finest Volleyball Club has adopted a **Zero Tolerance Policy** towards certain policies and procedures in the Code of Conduct. **Failure to follow the Zero Tolerance policies and procedures of the Code of Conduct can result in your daughter being dismissed from the club.**

**PARENT’S PLEDGE:**

We understand that it is our goal to provide positive support for our daughter, her teammates, her coaches, her opponents, officials and to Skillz Finest Volleyball Club. We are fully committed to Skillz Finest Volleyball Club and therefore will abide by the following policies and procedures:

**GENERAL:**

• We will assist our daughter in meeting the policies and procedures as laid out in the Player’s Contract Code of Conduct. We understand that if our daughter violates the Zero Tolerance policies and procedures in the Code of Conduct in any way, that she can be dismissed from Skillz Finest Volleyball Club.

 • We will assist our daughter in respecting her teammates, coaches, officials and opponents.

 • We will be a fan of our daughter and her teammates not a coach or a critic.

 • We understand we will have to complete and turn in a USAV Medical Release form for the current club ball year. NO OTHER MEDICAL RELEASE FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AS THIS IS A USAV RULE and should be turned into Skillz upon the requested deadline given by the club director. We understand our daughter will not be allowed to practice and/or play on the first day of practice until this is completed.

• **We understand that our daughter’s club tuition is not refundable if we choose not to participate, regardless of the reason. If we choose not to participate, but have not completed paying the club tuition, we understand we will still be responsible for the remainder of the club tuition.**

• We understand that in addition to our daughter’s club tuition fees, we will be responsible for making timely payments for all transportation to and from practices, scrimmages and tournaments UNLESS ON THE State/Regional or National teams.

• We understand that once committed, all payments including club tuition, National fees, tournament costs, and all other team travel accommodation payments are non-refundable and must be paid in full by provided deadlines. This is regardless if the athlete is removed by coaching staff or willingly by parent.

• We understand that if we have a sponsorship for our daughter, the sponsor must also pay the fees on time.

• We understand that any information that needs to be disseminated will be done so by our daughter’s coach, the Skillz Finest Volleyball Club Director.

• We will get our daughter to practice and tournaments on time (15 minutes prior for practice and 1 hour prior for tournaments) and will pick her up on time. We understand that if our daughter is late, not ready on time, not in the appropriate attire, she may be disciplined by the coach and coaching director’s sole discretion.

• We understand that if our daughter cannot come to a practice and/or tournament, the coach needs to be notified as soon as possible. If our daughter cannot go to a tournament, the coach and coaching director must be notified as soon as possible. Based on the circumstances, she may be disciplined by the coach at the coaching director’s sole discretion.

•We understand that parent dues consist of committing ourselves and supporting all Skillz functions and events by being hand-on and involved through necessary contributions i.e. selling tickets, marketing, etc. In addition to contributing to Skillz functions and events, we understand **we are requested to attend at least one of the functions**.

**ZERO TOLERANCE:**

•We will make all payments to Skillz Finest Volleyball Club before or upon the due date. **We understand that there will be no exceptions for late payments.**

•We understand that team selections and the specific Skillz team for which our daughter was chosen are made by the Coaching Director.

•**We understand that playing time is not guaranteed and is left solely to the discretion of the coach. We understand that we are paying for practice and that our daughter may not have any playing time at tournaments.**

• **We understand our daughter must approach the coach first regarding issues concerning playing time. We understand this should be done before or after practices, but NEVER before, during or immediately following a tournament.**

•We understand that it is inappropriate for an athlete or parent to approach other Skillz Finest Volleyball Club members about a problem the athlete or parent is having with a Skillz Finest Volleyball Club coach, about objections to coaching decisions or about disagreements with administrative decisions. We understand asking uninvolved persons to take sides in an issue is unfair to the third party and to the club. We understand that if we are approached and asked to listen to or express an opinion about matters between two other parties in the club, that we are strongly encouraged to direct the complaining party to take the matter up with our daughter’s coach, the Skillz Finest Volleyball Coaching Director.

•We are allowed to attend practices, but must not coach, critique our daughter, her teammates or our daughter’s coach at any time.

•We are to act as good ambassadors of Skillz Finest Volleyball Club at all times.

•We are to treat all of our daughter’s teammates and coaches with the utmost respect and will show support for the entire team, not just our daughter.

•We will remain in the spectator areas during all games.

•We will not use foul or abusive language towards anyone at any practices, scrimmages or tournaments.

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Skillz Player’s Name (Printed)

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Parent’s Signature Parent’s Printed Name

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