**SKILLZ FINEST TNL VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

**Player 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, all players, their parents and our Coaching Director are required to agree to and sign this Code of Conduct.

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

**PLAYER’S PLEDGE:**

My goal is to become the best player I can be.  Only I am responsible for my own actions.  I am fully committed to Skillz Finest Volleyball Club and therefore will abide by the following policies and procedures:

**I understand that if I violate the below policies and procedures that it may result in disciplinary action from my coach and the coaching director’s sole discretion:**

I understand that I must have completed ca current club year Medical Release Form and if I do not complete this task I will not be able to practice or play at the beginning of the season.

I understand that I’m required to attend and participate in at least 8 out of the 10 Skillz conditioning sessions.

I will practice hard, play hard, and strive to do my best at all times.

I recognize the unique aspects of volleyball and will learn from my mistakes.  I will take responsibility for my mistakes and will never make excuses or lay blame with my teammates.

I will organize my time so that my other obligations do not hinder my obligations to my team including all practices and in/out of town tournaments.

I will discipline my body by getting adequate sleep before a tournament and by eating a healthy diet and will abstain from junk food during a tournament. Nutrition is a vital part of your health which contributes to your value to yourself and the team.

I will keep our practice facility and tournament area clear of all trash and will leave the area as I found it, if not better.

I will not “horse around” at practices, scrimmages or tournaments as I need to concentrate on the task at hand and I realize it is a distraction to my teammates and opponents.

I will not use any electronic devices including cell phones, Ipods, Ipads, and Beats during tournament warm-ups, ref/score keep duties, and off periods at the courts.

I will wear my Skillz Finest practice shirt to all practices.

I will be modest when successful and gracious in defeat.

I will accept constructive coaching criticism and discipline for my actions.

**ZERO TOLERANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

I will represent Skillz Finest Volleyball Club in a positive manner at all times that will bring credit and prestige to myself and the Skillz Finest Volleyball program, by supporting and displaying a positive attitude toward my teammates, opponents and coaches at all times, both on and off the volleyball court.

I will be respectful of all opponents, teammates, coaches, fans and game officials at all times.

I will not use foul or abusive language or make malicious comments with respect to my teammates, coaches, opponents or officials, both on or off the volleyball court.

I will not disseminate false information to other members of Skillz Finest.

I will attend every practice, tournament and team function.  If I am unable to do so, I will make sure my coach has been notified in a timely manner.

I will be ready and prepared for practices, scrimmages and tournaments on time (15 minutes early for practices and scrimmages and 1 hour early for tournaments).  Being ready means shoes, ankle braces and knee pads on and ready to go, not sitting in the car or on the gym floor putting them on.  Being prepared means having all my equipment and a water bottle.

I will communicate in a positive manner, both on and off the court, with my teammates and coaches.

I realize that a team is made up of individuals and that everyone cannot start.  I accept my role on the team and what it takes to be a part of my team on or off the court.

If I have a concern about playing time, **it is my responsibility**, not my parents, to talk to the coach.  I understand that this is the proper chain of command and that my parents are not to discuss playing time with the coach, either directly or via email or the telephone.  I also understand that I will not discuss playing time with my coach immediately before, during or after a tournament.  If I have an issue with playing time, I understand that the proper time to talk to the coach is before or after practice.  I understand that my parents have been informed of the proper chain of command regarding playing time.

I will not react in a negative manner towards my teammates when they make errors, but will encourage them in a positive way and will support them as a member of my team.

I will accept all coaching comments and assignments only as ways in which the team and myself might improve.

I will not use any electronic equipment (cell phones, Ipods, computers, etc.) when I am at or near the scorekeeper’s table, whether I am the “official” scorekeeper or not.

If our team is assigned scorekeeping and referee duties at the end of a tournament, I will stay with the team regardless of whether I have an assignment or not as I want to be a good representative of Skillz Finest at all times.

I will not use drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

I will not use abusive or foul language.

I will never question lineups or coaching decisions.

**I understand that my failure to comply with any of the Zero Tolerance policies and procedures will be deemed as being contrary to the positive development of Skillz Finest Volleyball Club and my team and will result in my being dismissed from the club.**

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Player’s Signature

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