



# Huron Valley Volleyball Clubs

## Playing Time Philosophy

Parents and players need to understand that it is impossible to guarantee equal playing time for all players, regardless of team philosophy. Coaches strive to give players equitable playing time according to the goals of the team, but some players will always play more (minutes or points) than others.

It is the philosophy of HVVC that all players play during pool play regardless of team level.

Players may be benched during pool play for disciplinary reasons or if they fail to attend any practices the week prior to the tournament.

If a parent or player questions the amount of playing time an athlete receives, we encourage you to email your concerns to [HVVC@aol.com](mailto:HVVC@aol.com) – Club Director

## Local Teams - Winter and Spring:

Local teams have the highest emphasis on player development. Playing time will be as equitable as possible. Above the 12's level, some players will play more because of their position (setter).

**Goal: Maximum participation for every player.**

## Huron Valley Elite Black and Grey (Full Season) Teams:

Regional teams emphasize both player development AND team performance (achieving the highest finish possible. Some players will play more because of their position (usually setters). Playing time will be equitable during pool play. Playing time in bracket / tournament playoffs is handled at the coach's discretion.

**Goal: Skill development AND a competitive outcome for the team.**

## HVVC Blue and White National Teams:

National teams emphasize the highest level of competition. Our goal is that all players on the team will be of similar ability so that playing time may be equitable. The player's ability and the needs of the team will impact playing time. All team members will play during pool play at the coach's discretion. The coach determines who plays and how much during play-offs.

**Goal: Maximum skill development and team competitiveness**



## **HVVC Time Commitment Policies**

### **General Philosophy:**

As a club we promote the participation of our athletes in other activities, including other sports.

- We will not preclude the participation of a player based on concurrent participation in another activity.
- It is understood that school commitments will take priority over our events with possible rare exceptions depending on level of HVVC team
- Conflicts with other club sports/activities can be managed depending on the level of HVVC team

### **Team Placement Expectations:**

Players must specify possible activities that may conflict with their volleyball commitments during the tryout process. A player's team selection will be affected by their anticipated availability. *If a player does not specify potential conflicts during the tryout process and fails to live up to the expectations specified below, we will consider this a breach of the player contract and grounds for removal from the team with no refund.*

During team selection, there can be some negotiation on exceptions to the rules below, so don't eliminate yourself from consideration from a team until you have had a chance to discuss it.

### **HVVC National Team expectations:**

- The National teams play in qualifier and recruiting events ("priority events") and have a higher practice commitment. Priority events will be specified prior to team selection.
- National players may not miss any event or practice for another club sport
- National players may be *asked* to miss non-academic school events for priority events, specified prior to team selection. If this is a concern please speak with the club and coach, because this has many individual considerations.
- National players are expected to attend a minimum of 75% of practices on the season and not miss consecutive practices. Make-up practices are available at the discretion of the team coach

### **Huron Valley Regional Team expectations:**

- The Regional teams may have one priority event stated prior to team selection
- Regional players may not miss the priority event for a club event in another sport
- Regional players will not be expected to miss school events for their tournaments
- Regional players are expected to attend a minimum of 60% of practices on the season and not miss more than 2 practices consecutively. Make-up practices are available at the discretion of the team coach.

### **State, Winter & Local Team expectations:**

- The State teams may have one priority event stated prior to team selection
- State players may miss the priority event for a club event in another sport if clearly specified during team selection
- State players will not be expected to miss school events for their tournaments
- State players are expected to attend a minimum of 50% of practices on the season and not miss more than 3 practices consecutively. Make-up practices are available at the discretion of the team coach.

# Parent's Code of Conduct

## General:

Please understand that you are expected to conduct yourself in a way that brings credit and honor to yourself, your daughter and to HVVC as a spectator. Once your daughter becomes a part of the HVVC program, both parents & players represent the program at all competitions you attend.

Each facility (including our own) has rules and regulations. Please follow them to the best of your ability, whether or not others are doing so.

**Be on time!** Please teach your child the value of being “early” to both competitions and practices. Also, model this behavior by picking them up on time after a practice or competition.

## Tournaments:

Many club tournaments do not allow crock pots or anything else that requires electricity. Most tournaments will also not allow any coolers or food in the facility. In that case, you can have a tailgate party OUTSIDE (as long as you clean up after your group). No matter where the team eats, it is essential that the facilities rules are followed and that each team completely cleans up their area before leaving.

Most tournaments do not provide spectator seating. Bring a non-marking folding chair with you (it's more comfortable anyway).

AAU tournaments use coaches and players as referees in order to keep the cost down to you. Be respectful to them - they are doing the best job they know how! Treat the young refs and line judges as if they were your own daughter, because they ARE the daughter of someone else in the gym. Also, your daughter will be taking her turn on the line at some point, too.

If you think there is an error in the score, do not approach the score table. This is very distracting to both teams and the scorers. Let the coaches handle it. Many facilities routinely eject parents who disrupt the match in this manner.

Allow the coaches to do their job. There are many different coaching styles. Some coaches are very vocal during the game while others choose to take more of an observer role and make corrections during their next practice. In any event, it is very distracting to a player to have mom or dad telling them what to do from the stands. Your job as a spectator is to support your daughter and her team in a positive manner.

Please keep in mind that volleyball tournaments do not run on a time schedule. One match immediately follows another as soon as the court is available. Parents must not take a player away from the play site unless specific permission is given by the coach. There is no guaranteed time to go out for lunch for example. Players should bring provisions for the whole day to a tournament.

Something else to keep in mind: when a team loses in playoffs, they almost always must remain to officiate the match that follows on the court. All team players remain until this team duty is fulfilled, even if the match goes to a third game (meaning, if you worked game 1, you cannot leave when game 2 starts). Please do not ask to be excused to take your child home, leaving others to do the work.

## Interacting with Coaches:

**The “24 hour rule” will be in effect for dealing with parental complaints or concerns toward coaches.** If you have a complaint or concern about a coach in regard to either a practice or a match, you need to wait 24 hours after the event before addressing the coach with the issue. This will allow us to handle the challenges in a more rational manner without the emotion of the moment. If the issue cannot be resolved at that time, the program director will be involved.

**FOR AGES 16 & OVER**, it is expected that questions or concerns about playing time or position should now come from the player directly to the coach. However, players should **not** address their coach about these issues during a tournament or practice. The best option is to ask the coach after practice when would be a good time to discuss the questions. If the situation is not resolved, the parent may contact the coach for further clarification.