

Rivertown Christian Volleyball

Parent/Player Handbook

Mission Statement: Building Unity Through God's Grace

The Lord blessed our efforts to set up a new organization in 2012 to give homeschool girls in our community the opportunity to play volleyball. As we work together toward the goals set for our program, thank you for committing your time & energy. *"The world would have us believe that winning or success is measured by points on a scoreboard or by dollar signs. The Christian realizes that winning or success is determined by whether or not a goal has been achieved, and that goal is to bring glory to God."* (Thomas M. Boqdon, "A Christian View of Athletics," *Christian Home and School*, December, 1975, p. 20.)

1. Volunteers: We are a volunteer run organization at all levels. We need many hands to help it run smoothly. Parents must volunteer otherwise your daughter will be unable to participate.

How you can Help

1. Team Parent
2. Line Judge
3. Scoreboard
4. Scorebook

2. Dress Code

- a. Players are required to wear issued uniforms for every game. Visible undershirts of a different color than the uniform are not allowed.
- b. Uniforms will be signed out and in by the player/parent.
- c. A fee will be assessed if the uniform is not returned at the end of the season.
- d. Practice: Players are required to wear shorts, t-shirts and gym shoes. Knee pads are recommended. Court shoes should not be the ones worn to and from practice/games. No shirts exposing underclothing allowed. Shorts will have a 4 inch inseam. Any questions about this will be measured. Spandex may only be worn under shorts, but needs to be unseen. No Yoga pants are allowed. No jewelry or earrings are to be worn at any practices/games.
- e. Violation of Dress Code: If there is a question about a potential violation please address the head coach first and then the Director of Volleyball.

3. Communication

- a. Social Media will be monitored and discipline will be dealt with in regards to inappropriate postings.
- b. Parents and players are encouraged to talk to coach.
Please remember coach will only talk with you about your daughter.
- c. Parent code of conduct – We will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game and practice. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by

doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.

4. Game Schedule

- a. Schedules are posted on our website at rcvpatriots.org on the Calendar tab.
- b. Information on changes and pertinent announcements will be sent via email. Please check your email and calendar often, especially prior to any events.

5. Team Placement

The first week of our high school season we will be evaluating the players on their skills and possible positions. We will be selecting teams dependent on which positions are needed on each team, and your daughter's specific skills and level. We want players to be flexible about what position the coaches think is best for them. Please don't assume a player will acquire the same spot or even be on the same team she was on last year. Every spot has to be earned every year. Also, don't assume a player won't make a higher-level team just because they are young. If a freshman has more skill in a needed spot than a senior, the freshman may get that position. During Team Placement the gym will be open to players and coaches only.

6. Practice

- a. Absences: Please notify the coach in writing if the player will be absent for a family vacation or conflict. Call the coach if absent for an illness.
- b. No player will be left unattended during practice and games. **It is our policy that there must be a third party present when there is an unrelated guy and gal left alone.**
- c. Practice begins at various times depending on the team. Arrive 15 minutes prior to practice start time.
- d. Tardiness will result in decreased play time.
- e. If your team is the first team playing on a court it is your team's responsibility to set up the court and bleachers. Likewise, if you are the last team playing on a court it is the team's responsibility to take down court and put all equipment, chairs and bleachers away. If you are setting up the whole team must arrive when gym doors open.

7. Games

- a. Play time is not guaranteed at the high school level.

8. Travel to/from Away Games

- a. Addresses to schools are listed on the weekly letter and website.
- b. Carpooling is encouraged. Please contribute money for gas.
- c. Coaches under the age of 21 are not allowed to provide rides to players unless they have written parent approval.
- d. Home games are played at the Homeschool Building.