

## Playing Time and Conduct Agreement

The CVHAA Lady Patriots Volleyball team is a competitive high school program. We are not a recreational or homeschool “club”. While we strive first and foremost to honor Jesus Christ with our conduct on and off the court, CVHAA desires to provide our student athletes with the same experiences and opportunities enjoyed by area public and private schools in regard to quality and competition, tournament play, and a pathway to college level volleyball. This means coaches will be fielding what they believe to be the best combination of players possible in order to develop individual players and compete to win games. Please realize that equal playing time is not guaranteed at the JV or Varsity level of competitive volleyball.

We, as coaches, feel this is a biblical approach to team athletics. I Corinthians 10:31 says that “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God”. As long as good sportsmanship is observed, striving to win in a competitive sport is not unfair to others, nor “un-Christian”.

In fact, a **correct** understanding of the nature of competitive sports can strengthen players’/parents’ walk with Christ, since:

1. It teaches other-centeredness in stressing what is best for the team instead of what is best for “me”.
2. It prepares young ladies for the realities of life. Competition is part of life, and not everyone gets to be first. In this we learn humility and grace.
3. It saves players/parents from spiraling down into murmuring and “backbiting” which the Bible forbids among believers.

Players who are not satisfied with their playing time, position, substitutions, etc. should ask the coach directly what they can do toward achieving their personal goals. Please also keep in mind that there is a “24 hour” approaching rule. This to ensure that there has been time for prayer and perspective of the situation that you are questioning. This aids our student athletes in dealing directly with authority figures outside the home. It is incumbent on all coaches to provide specific instruction so that players may fulfill their potential. Parents are encouraged to cheer their daughters and support the team, but should **not**, under any circumstances, petition coaches for playing time, positions, or other special consideration.

Should there be any instance of unsportsmanlike conduct from a player, whether directed to teammates, coaches, fans, or the opposite team, that player will be immediately substituted and may be suspended. Should there be any action from the parents that would be deemed unsportsmanlike, they will be asked to leave the gym and it may reflect on their player’s future playing time. This is to ensure a constant reminder that we are an example and testimony. Proper respect should be shown at all time to authority and each other.

We ask that you show agreement with this policy by signing below:

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_