

# National Collegiate Volleyball Federation Code of Conduct



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of the NCVF Code of Conduct (“Code”) is to describe expected behavior for all players, coaches, bench personnel, referees, staff, and spectators (collectively “participants”) participating in the NCVF Championships and NCVF endorsed, sponsored, or recognized competitions (“NCVF Recognized Event(s)”). However, nothing in this Code of Conduct shall be construed to impart any obligation or liability to NCVF regarding enforcement of this Code to any competitions that it does not own or operate. No representations are made by NCVF regarding the suitability of this Code for any independently owned or operated competition. Any organization or person that adopts or uses this Code does so at their sole cost, risk, and expense.
- 1.2 Players enrolled at a university/college assume a duty to conduct themselves and their team in a manner compatible with their school’s purpose as a post-secondary educational institution. Players are expected to act in a mature and responsible manner when participating in all NCVF Recognized Event(s). By participating in NCVF Recognized Event(s), participants acknowledge that they are ambassadors to the sport of volleyball, both on and off the court. Participants, therefore, will abide by the highest sportsmanship and ethical standards of conduct. Any reports (e.g. from other teams, law enforcement, and/or venue/hotel management) of activities that reflect negatively upon the NCVF may result in sanctions or other appropriate actions as described below. When participating in any NCVF Recognized Event(s), players and teams must comply with all applicable policies, rules and regulations set forth by their schools, leagues, conferences and the NCVF.
- 1.3 All teams shall designate a Team Representative who shall be responsible to timely communicate all NCVF Code of Conduct related matters to their teams, players, and applicable participants, and to all commissioners, player representatives, school officials and others, as appropriate.
- 1.4 All participants will conduct themselves with honor and dignity. This includes playing volleyball for the game’s sake, being gracious in a win or loss, working for the good of the team, and applauding the efforts of teammates and opponents.

## 2. THE CODE

- 2.1 Participants will not:
  - a. Consume, distribute, or possess alcohol when playing at or attending any NCVF Recognized Event(s). State laws prohibit the use of alcohol by anyone under the age of twenty-one.
  - b. Attend any NCVF Recognized Event(s) while intoxicated beyond legal limits.
  - c. Consume, distribute, or possess illegal drugs when playing at or attending any NCVF Recognized Event. Any person found in violation may be subject to prosecution by law enforcement.
  - d. Inappropriately verbally or physically confront any participant or other person at any NCVF Recognized Event(s).
  - e. Damage or destroy any facilities or personal property of others at any NCVF Recognized Event(s).
  - f. Violate any NCVF or other applicable event operator rule or policy.
  - g. Violate facility/venue or hotel rules or policies.
  - h. Violate any federal, state, or local laws while at any NCVF Recognized Event(s).
  - i. Engage in any behavior that violates school policies while at any NCVF Recognized Event(s).
  - j. Fail to timely communicate with or cooperate with any NCVF related or similar investigation, review or effort to address any potential or actual violation of this Code.
- 2.2 Team Representatives assume responsibility to monitor player conduct on their respective teams, both on and off the court at NCVF Recognized Event(s), and to ensure that the Code’s requirements, including all prohibitions regarding alcohol and drug abuse are upheld.
- 2.3 Participants are expected to behave in an orderly and dignified manner throughout any NCVF Recognized Event(s).
- 2.4 Players will abide by USAV rules (Domestic Competition Regulations) regarding court conduct.
- 2.5 It is the responsibility of the Team Representative to review this Code with his/her team and participants. Each team also assumes responsibility to orient all participants with applicable conduct standards regarding all NCVF Recognized Event(s).
- 2.6 By participating, participants acknowledge that there are inherent risks associated with attending or playing in an NCVF Recognized Event(s), including but not limited to risk of mental and physical injury, including bone, muscular or nerve damage, aggravation of pre-existing conditions, loss of or damage to personal property and other potential injuries, losses and damages. Participants assume liability for injuries or damages in connection with their individual or joint participation in any NCVF Recognized Event(s) in accord with the NCVF Release of Liability and Medical Waiver Form for the NCVF Championships, and any other policies, forms and prerequisites that may be made applicable when participating in any other NCVF Recognized Event(s).

## 3. VIOLATIONS

- 3.1 Participants that fail to abide by this Code are subject to disciplinary action/sanctions by the owner/operated of the NCVF Recognized Event(s), in accord with the procedures described in this Code. The NCVF may acknowledge sanctions imposed by any outside organization who owns or operates an NCVF Recognized Event(s).
  - 3.1.1 The disciplinary action/sanctions that the offender and/or the offender’s team may be subject to include, but are not limited to:
    - a. Forfeiting sets and/or matches;
    - b. Denying awards that recognize team or player achievements;
    - c. Imposing monetary fines;
    - d. Notifying the university/college;
    - e. Receiving probationary status;
    - f. Prohibiting entry into subsequent NCVF Recognized Event(s);
    - g. Suspension from NCVF recognized league or conference play;
    - h. Denial of entry into one or more NCVF Recognized Event(s);
    - i. Removal from current NCVF Recognized Event(s);
    - j. Other appropriate actions or sanctions.

- 3.2 Anyone may provide notice of a suspected violation of this Code at the NCVF Championships by notifying the NCVF Compliance Committee of the circumstances giving rise to the suspected violation. The notice shall be sent to [ntoth@ncvf.org](mailto:ntoth@ncvf.org). The Committee shall use reasonable efforts to notify all applicable participants and other interested parties should it proceed with issuing a disciplinary action/sanction, as provided below.
- 3.3 The NCVF Compliance Committee will determine and render any appropriate participant sanction or other action. The Committee will provide notice to the offending participant and team representative of the action or sanction, and others as it deems appropriate. Participants shall have an opportunity to request a review of the action or sanction so long as the request is made within ten days and forwarded to the NCVF Compliance Committee at [ntoth@ncvf.org](mailto:ntoth@ncvf.org).
- 3.4 The NCVF Compliance Committee shall have discretion to effectuate sanctions or take other Code of Conduct compliance actions at the NCVF Championships that may not be subject to review if, in the discretion of the NCVF Compliance Committee and Director of Competition, a review would cause delay, pose a safety risk, or otherwise hinder effective administration of the NCVF Championships.