



## USA VOLLEYBALL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I acknowledge that volleyball or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in a volleyball event can cause any or all of the following: property damage, including loss or damage to personal property; serious injury (including athletic injuries such as broken bones, concussions, or other injuries); sickness and disease (including communicable diseases and viruses (including COVID-19 or bacteria); trauma; pain & suffering; permanent disability; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; exposure to communicable diseases (including COVID-19); accidents involving other participants; contact or collision with other participants, playing surfaces, balls or other natural or manmade objects; and, paralysis and death.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an **extremely contagious** virus that may spread easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. **COVID-19 can lead to serious illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in USAV/RVA sanctioned activities and/or USAV/RVA sanctioned facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.** USAV/RVA in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection(s) will not occur through participation in USAV/RVA sanctioned activities or by accessing USAV/RVA facilities.

**With a full understanding of the potential risks, I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING OR OFFICIATING IN A VOLLEYBALL EVENT.**

I hereby take the following action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns: a) **I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE** from any and all claims or liabilities for death, exposure to disease, personal injury or damages of any kind, **EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES LISTED BELOW**, which arise out of or relate to my traveling to and from or my participation in any volleyball event, **THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OR ENTITIES:** USAV and its RVAs, tournament directors, sponsors, and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents of any of the above; b) **I AGREE NOT TO SUE** any of the persons or entities listed above for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released or discharged herein; and c) **I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** the persons or entities mentioned above from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them as a result of my actions.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

Participant Name (printed)	Signature	Date

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/USE AGREEMENT

- I, a prospective or current member of USA Volleyball ("USAV") and/or one of its Regional Volleyball Associations ("RVA"), agree to abide by and be bound by the applicable Bylaws, rules, regulations, Code of Conduct, competition rules of USAV, as well as the SafeSport rules, policies and procedures promulgated by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, ("Center") as they may be amended from time to time. I agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Center and agree that any sanctions imposed by the Center extend to my participation in all USA Volleyball events or activities, or events and activities of other NGBs, and **may be posted publicly and include information regarding the misconduct involved.**
- I agree that I will abide by the rules and guidelines regarding club affiliation as established by the RVA in which I am applying for membership.
- I certify that I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in USAV and/or RVA sanctioned activities, and not have any mental or physical conditions, illnesses or impairments which would preclude my safe participation in such activities.
- I hereby agree to be filmed, video, audio, digitally recorded and photographed, and to have my name, image, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information otherwise recorded, in any and all forms of media now existing or hereafter developed (the "Media"), during USAV) and/or RVA sanctioned events, by USAV/RVA's authorized representative, under the conditions specified by USAV/RVA (the "Footage").
- I hereby grant USAV/RVA, with no financial or other compensation due to me, full right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all Media, the Footage for: (1) news and information purposes, (2) promotion of the specific competition(s) in which I compete or other USAV/RVA-sanctioned events, (3) promotion of the Sport, (4) promotion of USAV or RVA, or both, (5) the promotion of players for recruiting or scouting purposes, or (6) for educational purposes, provided that, in no event may USAV/RVA use or authorize the use of the Footage in any manner that would directly imply my endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission.
- The current FIVB Sports Regulations stipulate that the Federation that is the first to issue a national license for the player is considered to be the player's Federation of Origin regardless of the player's citizenship. The current FIVB interpretation of "issue a national license" means registering with the Federation (in our case, USA Volleyball). Therefore, please be advised that if you register with USA Volleyball, and subsequently desire to represent another country in international competition, you may be subject to the FIVB regulations regarding "Change of Federation of Origin," which includes the payment of significant fees to the FIVB and review and approval of such application by the FIVB.
- I hereby certify that the information provided herein is being done directly by myself or by me, as the legal guardian representing a minor, and that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand and agree that incomplete or false information is grounds for denial of membership.

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**USA VOLLEYBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE PROHIBITED:**

1. Violation of any anti-doping policies, protocols or procedures as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC; [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA; [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)), Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB; [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org)), US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA; [www.usada.org](http://www.usada.org)) or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC; [www.teamusa.org](http://www.teamusa.org)). Violations of this provision will be adjudicated only by USADA or the proper anti-doping authority, not USA Volleyball (USAV).
2. Violation of SafeSport rules, policies and procedures promulgated by the U.S. Center for SafeSport ([www.safesport.org](http://www.safesport.org)), as they may be amended from time to time.
3. Possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices or e-cigarettes if illegal or in violation of USAV or Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) policy.
4. USAV policy prohibits the possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices or e-cigarettes by anyone registered as a junior volleyball player at the event venue of any USAV/RVA sanctioned junior event.
5. Use of a recognized identification card by anyone other than the individual described on the card.
6. Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room, dormitory, residence or other person. (Restitution will be part of any penalty imposed.)
7. Possession of fireworks, ammunition, firearms, or other weapons or any item or material which by commonly accepted practices and principles would be a hazard or harmful to other persons at USAV/RVA sanctioned events.
8. Any action considered to be an offense under Federal, State or local law ordinances.
9. Violation of the specific policies, regulations, and/or procedures of the USAV, RVA or the facility used in conjunction with a sanctioned event. (It is the responsibility of the individual to be familiar with applicable specific policies, regulations and procedures.)
10. Conduct which is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior.
11. Physical or verbal intimidation of any individual.
12. Actions that will be detrimental to USAV or the RVA.

- I have read and understand the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct
- I agree and consent to abide by the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policies and other region specific code of conducts
- I understand that, if I violate the USAV and/or RVA Codes of Conduct, I might be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with USAV and/or RVA

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