

# Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club

## Athlete-Parent/Guardian Contract 2024-2025

### Introduction

The Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club (also referred to as BEVC) shall provide an opportunity for girls and boys in our region to develop their individual and team volleyball skills. Athletes shall have the opportunity to play alongside athletes of similar ability or above. Athletes shall have the opportunity to compete at the highest possible level. BEVC is affiliated with the Palmetto Region of USA Volleyball (USAV). Each Athlete must follow the USAV Code of Conduct and is expected to adhere to the following policies:

### General Policies for ALL Athletes - All Teams

- 1) All athletes must adhere to the USAV Code of Conduct.
- 2) All athletes are expected to attend all events scheduled for their team.
- 3) All athletes are responsible for their own transportation to all events.
- 4) All athletes are responsible for their own hotel accommodations to all tournaments.
- 5) All athletes are responsible for their own uniforms once issued. The club does not have replacements for lost uniforms. All replacement costs will be your responsibility.

\*Anything not provided by the club will be the athletes responsibility to purchase.

### Attendance Policies

- 1) Transportation to and from all practices, club sponsored clinics, and tournaments are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.
- 2) Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club will enforce the following practice and tournament attendance policy for every athlete. This is not intended to prevent an athlete from playing another sport while participating with Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club. Attendance at practices and tournaments may affect playing time if attendance becomes an issue.
- 3) General: It is the responsibility of the athlete or the parents/guardians to notify the coach of any scheduled team event that the athlete will be missing with at least one week notice prior to practices and two weeks notice for tournaments.

## **Practice**

**1)** Practice: Any absences/Tardiness from practices will be evaluated by the coach/club director with proper documentation on a case by case basis.

**2)** **ALL** team practices will be closed.

## **Tournaments**

**1)** Athletes shall provide any scheduling conflicts with other events such as school sports, prom, social events, etc. with tournaments before the first practice.\* Please note that schedules are subject to change as well as start times.

**2)** Athletes should give notification in advance of tournament absences. A minimum of two weeks is expected for non-emergency situations.

**3)** The Coach/Club Director will evaluate all tournament absences with proper documentation on a case-by-case basis.

**4)** Planned Team Bonding outings: There will be several scheduled team outings during our season. The coaches along with the team parent of each team, will plan these events.

- These events are mandatory for Athletes. (If you cannot attend a mandatory event, please contact the coach before the event to get excused.)
- Many of these events will take place at tournaments. There will be at least one team outing at each two day tournament this season.
- There will also possibly be other team bonding outings planned before tournaments begin and throughout the season.
- These outings may be something fun for the team to do or they may be sitting down to breakfast, lunch or dinner with your team.
- Any fundraisers that Beaufort Elite holds this season will help pay for coaches and Athletes at these events. It is your responsibility as a parent/guardian to make sure that your Athletes attend the planned events. Parents/Guardians and families are encouraged but not required to attend these events as well.
- Team bonding is great for Athletes on and off the court. The better Athletes communicate off the court the better Athletes communicate on the court.

## **Athletes Conduct at a Tournament/Event/Practice**

It is the intent of Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club to be a leader in the Volleyball Community. It is also the intent of Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club to lead by example, which means both the

athlete and the parents of the athlete need to lead by example. These guidelines are set forth to protect the safety and integrity of you, your parents, the coaches, and Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club. Please be aware that all circumstances are not accounted for and in the event of an unexpected circumstance, the director will enforce appropriate action. We wish to set the standard for other programs to mirror.

**1)** It is the intent for each Athlete to improve their volleyball skills through practice and tournament play. Coaches will make the best effort for all Athletes to receive equal playing time during pool play at tournaments. During the bracket play, it will be the coaches' judgment to do what is best for the team to move on.

- If you have any questions about playing time contact the coach to discuss the situation. No earlier than the day after the tournament.

**2)** "Conduct unbecoming of an Athlete" **WILL NOT** be tolerated at any Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club function, event or tournament. This covers a wide variety of circumstances, for example the use of foul language or rude gestures towards other athletes, parents, coaches, officials or opponents will not be tolerated.

In the event that any of the above behaviors are witnessed by a Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club board member, director, staff member, or coaching staff, the following will take place:

- **Consequences range from verbal warnings to game, suspension/expulsion from the team and club.**

**3)** Our policy is "Focus on the Team." When we are in the gym for a tournament, you are responsible for staying with your team. In the event friends or family attend a tournament, it should be understood that your priority is with your team.

**4)** For most tournaments, teams will be responsible for officiating, scorekeeping and handling lines. **Each athlete 12 and up is required to complete an online clinic on scorekeeping or officiating and pass the online test.** Online training **MUST** be completed prior to the first tournament.

**5) No team members are permitted to leave a tournament site until All officiating responsibilities are completed.** Unless granted verbal permission by the head coach. If athletes leave before officiating duties are complete and without permission, you will be suspended for 1 match at the next tournament.

**6)** Athletes are to support teammates at all times while on the team bench, whether playing in a particular match or not. Poor bench behavior includes not expressing verbal/vocal support for your teammates, conducting side conversations, taking others' attention off the match, disrupting the match with inappropriate discussion with the coach or coaches, or

questioning playing time or status during the match. Any behavior of this type is considered Conduct Unbecoming of an Athlete and a coach can give verbal warning or even suspension.

**7)** Parents are to be supportive of the entire team at all times, and all Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club teams while at tournaments. Parents are not to engage in any behavior that would reflect negatively on Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club. \*Guidelines for parents are not different from athletes in this regard. Parents are not permitted to talk negatively about another athlete or a coach from any team. If you are reported to Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club, you may face suspension from any of Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club's Events. Refer to the chain of (pg.12) command for grievances or complaints. At no point during a match or tournament is it permitted to discuss grievances with coaching staff.

In the event that any of the above behaviors are witnessed by a Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club board member, director, staff member, coaching staff, officiant, or Palmetto Region staff, the following will take place depending on the severity of the behavior:

- **Consequences can range from verbal warnings to game suspension or expulsion from the team and club.**

\*Please know that in the event of suspension or expulsion from Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club, **NO REFUND** will be granted for tournaments missed due to parents expulsion or suspension.

**9)** Only the head coach or the team captain, under the direction of the head coach, may question an official.

**10)** The Palmetto Region has a NO-TOLERANCE policy on screaming, yelling, or making any derogatory remarks to ANY official (Up ref, down ref, or line judges) or tournament director. Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club supports this policy. Keep in mind that referees are human and most of the time they are kids. Penalty is immediate dismissal from the gym with no warning. Region teams may face sanction to participate in the future tournaments.

**11)** If any of the Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club Teams are playing at the same tournament site, athletes will be advised and teams will be encouraged to watch and cheer for the other Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club teams.

**12)** If a Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club Team is scheduled to work a match after a loss, the team is **REQUIRED** to remain until all matches (working or playing) have been completed.

## **Expulsions and Suspensions**

The mission and integrity of Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club is of most importance. Suspensions are not taken lightly, with that said once suspensions have been identified with

appropriate documentation, The head coach and director will evaluate each situation.

Automatic expulsions will result for the following offenses:

- Smoking at any Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club function.
- Using alcohol or drugs at any time during a Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club function and or tournament.
- If the athlete has more than 6 absences (Subject to coaching director/club director review).

Athletes:

Depending on the severity of the behavior, consequences can range from:

- Verbal warnings
- Parent/Guardian Meetings
- Suspension
- Expulsion

\*Please know that in the event of suspension/expulsion from Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club, **NO REFUND** will be granted for tournaments missed due to expulsion or suspension.

Parents/Guardians etc:

Depending on the severity of the behavior, consequences can range from:

- Verbal warnings
- Coach/Director Meeting
- Suspension
- Expulsion

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### **Grievance/Escalation Procedure**

The procedure is designed to help athletes and parents with questions, concerns or problems that may occur during the course of the season. It ensures open and honest communication between all parties involved.

**1)** The athlete must first ask for a meeting between the coaches to discuss the issue at hand. In the case of athletes on 14U's and younger teams, the parent may request the meeting.

**2)** If the issue is unresolved, the parent may ask for a meeting between themselves and the coaching staff to discuss the issue. The meeting should take place at a location considered adequate for a private discussion agreed upon in advance by both the parent and coach-NOT during a tournament and/or a practice.

**3)** If the issue is unresolved, the parent must ask for a meeting with the club director, head coach, parent, athlete, and coach. A scheduled time away from practice or a tournament is appropriate.

## **Financial Agreement**

**1)** Club fees are due in accordance with the provided schedule when the athlete and parents accept a position on a team or having signed this agreement. It is understood by the parents that the fees are due in full. If needed, the dues can be paid in three payments to help reduce the impact of a large lump sum payment.

**The 2024-2025 Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club Season dues are as follows:**

**Club/Power 12U-18U - \$1500**

**Developmental - \$500**

**Practice Team - \$700**

**\*If your team qualifies for Nationals, there will be additional fees to cover tournament costs.**

- Entire balance can be paid at any time
- 1st payment due at team acceptance by **September 1, 2024**
- You can choose a payment plan that fits your budget. Please read through them carefully on our website [www.beaufortelite.org/registration](http://www.beaufortelite.org/registration)
- Entire balance must be paid on/by **February 1, 2025**
- If you fail to complete your payments on time, you will be subject to a late fee of \$25.
- If you have any questions/concerns, please contact us by email or phone.

## **Developmental:**

- Entire balance can be paid at any time.

- First payment is due by **January 1, 2025**.
  - You can choose a payment plan that fits your budget. Please read through them carefully on our website [www.beaufortelite.org/registration](http://www.beaufortelite.org/registration)
  - Entire balance must be paid on/by **March 1, 2025**.
  - If you have any questions/concerns, please contact us by email or phone.
- 2)** Fees paid to the club are non-refundable except due to a season ending injury, illness, or relocation out of the area. In this instance, refunds may be granted with a written request, to the Director, accompanied by a physician's report where applicable.
- 3)** After January 1st, refunds will be prorated based on length of participation on a case by case basis. **NO REFUNDS** will be granted after February 1st of the current season for any reason. Any refund given will be minus the cost of uniform and gym fees paid by BEVC.
- 4)** Any club fee schedule agreed to in writing must be adhered to. **Athlete will not be allowed to participate until fees are paid as per their agreement. This applies to both practices and tournaments.**
- 5)** ALL fees paid into Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club have a distinct purpose, i.e. paying for the tournaments, coaches, practice space, uniforms, etc. Without your payments, we cannot pay to participate in these events or purchase uniforms. There is no "reserve account" to cover anyone who has not paid their dues.
- 6)** Please note that an athlete's uniforms will **NOT** be ordered unless the first payment is made by September 1, 2024. If the athlete's payment is not made by this date, the uniforms will not be ordered until the deposit is made. You will then be responsible to also pay the cost of shipping the individual uniforms.
- 7)** Athletes that commit to a club for the season are also committing to meet all financial responsibilities required by the club as part of their season contract. Families should not commit to a club if they are unable to meet those obligations.
- 8)** If you decide to leave the club and still have an outstanding balance, it is your responsibility to settle the balance with BEVC. Failure to do so may result in your athlete's name being submitted to the region, potentially preventing them from playing for other clubs until the balance with BEVC is paid in full.

## **Uniforms**

Each athlete will receive a jersey, included with club dues. Travel teams will receive 2 jerseys included in their club dues. Athletes are also required to wear solid black spandex/leggings

for females or black gym shorts for males to all games and tournaments. Spandex are not included with club dues. There will be a team store available to order extra shirts, pants and other Beaufort Elite items.

- Developmental will receive a jersey only.

## **Fundraisers**

There will be fundraisers each season. These typically take place at the beginning of the season. These fundraisers provide funds to help purchase more equipment for our club, fund team outings, etc.

**\*Each athlete that turns in their fundraiser may receive 50% of their fundraiser earnings back towards club dues.**

## **Communication**

It is never acceptable to contact an assistant coach or a head coach during a tournament or a game. If there is something you need to discuss any issues that arise, please wait until 24 hours after the event. See chain of command below

### **Chain of command to file a grievance:**

- Assistant Coach
- Head Coach
- Director
- Board

## **Social Media/Club App/Website**

This season we will be using our mobile app to communicate with athletes and their parents/guardians. This is one place for coaches, staff, parents, and athletes to communicate with their assigned team. You may also receive emails from Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club staff throughout the season.

- Please download the “Spaces by Wix” app (It has white writing and a blue background) You will then use the code **H447SA** to log in to the Beaufort Elite app page.
- After logging in for the first time, you will no longer have to log in every time you open the app. It will automatically keep you logged in to our mobile app page.
- If your child has a device that is able to download this app I encourage both of you to download it, create a log in so that you can both communicate with coaches, parents, and other athletes on the team.



- After downloading the app on your device, your Coach will be adding you to the team page. You can chat with your coaches, other families, and athletes. You can share schedules, photos, and videos with one another. They will send out reminders as well in your group.
  - If you do not have a device that can access this app for communication, please let your coach know so that we can set up another form of communication for you.
- Occasionally we will share photos and videos of your athlete on our app and social media accounts. By signing the agreement below you agree for us to share these photos. If you do not wish for them to be shared you must contact Torri McCullough or Leslie Webb.
- During the tournament part of the season we will be sending out weekly newsletters. You can find them under the News section on our website and or app. They are normally posted on Sundays or Mondays.

## Parent/Guardian

We, the parents/guardians have read the before mentioned information concerning the policies and practices of The Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club.

We agree that said athlete is accepting a position to a team, for the Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club for the 2023-2024 club season.

We agree to have read the information provided and understand the time and commitment involved in the practice and competition schedule.

We have reviewed the fee schedule and agree to pay all fees regardless of the duration of participation. Understanding the stipulations and having discussed these with our child, we agree to and will support our athlete participation in Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club.

We understand that once registered with and participated with Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club, the Athlete will be unable to transfer clubs and compete in any USAV Regional and the Palmetto Regional Championships.

## Athlete

As an Athlete of Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club, I have read the before mentioned information concerning the policies and practices of Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club and agree to follow these policies.

I understand the commitment I am making to Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club and that if I should choose not to follow the policies as expressed above and any additional boundaries set forth by my coach, my playing time may be restricted, and I risk suspension/expulsion from Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club.

## Parent/Guardian and Athlete

### **Parent/Guardian and Athlete:**

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\*In the event that any updates and or changes are made to this agreement, the parties of this agreement will be notified and asked to sign a new agreement with Beaufort Elite Volleyball Club.

If you have read and agree to the Parent/Guardian - Athlete Contract 2024-2025, Please sign below.

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Athlete Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date