PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT & CONTRACT

This Parent Code of Conduct and Contract is designed to create a positive, respectful, and development-focused environment for all athletes participating in APEX. Parents and guardians play a vital role in supporting both their child and the club community.

As a parent/guardian, I agree to:

A. Support Positive Athlete Development

- Encourage my child to focus on effort, improvement, and enjoyment rather than solely on winning.
- Promote good sportsmanship, respect, and teamwork at all times.
- Reinforce the values of commitment, responsibility, and perseverance.

B. Respect Coaches and Officials

- Allow coaches to coach without interference during practices and games.
- Refrain from coaching my child or other players from the sidelines.
- Treat referees and officials with respect and never question or criticize their decisions publicly.

C. Model Appropriate Behavior

- Demonstrate respectful communication toward players, coaches, officials, and other parents.
- Avoid the use of inappropriate language, gestures, or behavior at all club events.
- Maintain emotional control and display good sportsmanship regardless of game outcomes.

D. Promote a Safe and Inclusive Environment

- Support an environment free from bullying, harassment, or discrimination.
- Respect all participants regardless of skill level, background, or identity.
- Report any concerns regarding athlete safety or well-being to club staff promptly.

E. Communicate Effectively

- Follow the club's communication protocol (e.g., 24-hour rule before discussing concerns after games).
- Address concerns respectfully and directly with the appropriate coach or club representative.
- Avoid discussing team issues publicly or on social media.

Parent Responsibilities

I understand and agree to:

- Ensure my child arrives on time and prepared for all practices and games.
- Notify coaches promptly of absences or schedule conflicts.
- Fulfill all financial commitments (fees, travel costs, etc.) in a timely manner.
- Support team events, tournaments, and volunteer requirements where applicable.
- Ensure my child adheres to club policies and expectations.

Spectator Guidelines

During games and events, I will:

- Cheer positively for all players, not just my own child.
- Avoid negative comments toward players, coaches, or officials.
- Respect facility rules and tournament guidelines.
- Remain in designated spectator areas unless otherwise permitted

Conflict Resolution

If concerns arise, I agree to follow this process:

1. Wait at least 24 hours after a game or incident before initiating discussion.
2. Contact the coach to request a meeting at an appropriate time.
3. If unresolved, escalate concerns to the Club Director or designated staff member.
4. Maintain respectful and constructive dialogue throughout the process.

Consequences for Violations
Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in:

- Verbal or written warning
- Temporary suspension from attending games or events
- Removal from club activities
- Termination of membership without refund (in severe cases)

Parents of athletes of APEX are expected to:

- Complete the OVA Parent Respect in Sport course.
- Ensure their child (player) knows the scope of their commitment to the team prior to
- accepting a position on it.
- Ensure their child (player) is punctual (early) for practices and games.
- Ensure the availability of their child (player) to attend all tournaments unless the absence is approved with substantial notice.
- Provide early notification (if possible) of any practice absences.
- Demonstrate, at all times and in all situations, respect and support for the members of the team and its coaches, as well as the officials, opponents, and spectators encountered during competition.
- Voice positive support for the team during matches.
- Refrain from participating in any personal or electronic communication that is critical, derogatory, hateful or disrespectful toward any member of the team, the Club, OVA, or an opponent.
- Refrain from approaching a coach during a game or tournament to discuss player selection, playing time or strategy.
- Respect the right of the coaching staff to conduct practices and matches as they see fit.
- Follow the Club protocol of directing all concerns to the parent rep., Club Executive or Technical Director.
- Observe the 24-hour rule before raising a concern from a tournament/competition.
- Empower your child to communicate and address any concerns early by having them set a meeting with the coaches.
- Refrain from coaching your child from the sidelines during practices and matches.
- Have appropriate and adequate food and drinks available during tournaments.
- Ensure payment of any fees in a timely manner.

6. Parent Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Youth Volleyball Club Parent Code of Conduct and Contract. I understand that my behavior impacts the experience of all athletes and commit to supporting a positive club environment.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:		SIGNATURE:	
ATHLETE NAME:		DATE:	