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Welcome Friends & Family,

I would like to begin by thanking the Lord for giving me strength, and the ability to coach volleyball to youth girls. I am grateful to be a step in their walk in volleyball, and in life. At this time I would like to thank my incredible staff for supporting me and my vision and for joining us all on this journey. My desire is to lead a strong volleyball program where coaches, players, and parents can have a first rate volleyball experience.

Top Select Volleyball Academy is committed to serving the community and will rise to the challenge of working hard for the benefit of the girls, not the benefit of the business. No individual in this program should be looking out for their best interest, but must look out for the best interest of the girls and the academy.

I thank you for your interest in our program and for showing me and my family your support. I hope you will join us and become a part of the foundation of what we believe will be the best volleyball program in the area.

Sincerely,

German Del Valle

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Academy Director

Teaching Life Lessons through Volleyball

TOP SELECT VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY

Welcome to Top Select Volleyball Academy. As an organization, we vow to make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the student-athlete. This Academy is committed to providing an honest and healthy environment for players of all ages and skill levels. We feel the sport of volleyball gives us many opportunities to teach lessons that will help the players not only be successful on the court, but successful in life.

Mission

We strive to provide the best available resources that will allow our players to reach their full potential as student-athletes. Our program will stress, and reward, the development of values, character, self-esteem, and discipline that we believe will serve as a stepping stone to higher education for our athletes through the sport of volleyball.

Goals:

We want to focus on key character traits that we feel will help the athletes in all aspects of their lives. Some of these character traits are: Responsibility, Dedication, Intensity, Teamwork, Leadership, Discipline, Sportsmanship, Respect, and Perseverance. We feel these traits are all keys to success. We want to empower every athlete to be better: students, players, and people. Our goal is to provide the best possible volleyball experience for our student-athletes. We will make every effort to develop their skills as a volleyball player to the best of their ability and to help develop their integrity as young adults. The lessons learned from participating in a youth sports program can, and should, last a lifetime.

One of our goals is to train ALL of our athletes using specific training techniques. This year we are bringing in a Master Coach that will work with our athletes and coaches. We want our players to go from one age group to the next with a solid base that is built upon each year. One complaint we have heard from parents is that each year their daughters are taught the same skill in a different way by their new coach. We want consistency across the board on training. We want all of our coaches to be teaching the basic fundamentals of the game in exactly the same way. If you observe three different teams working on their serve, we want you to see them all doing it the exact same way. By having set standards on training, we feel the athletes will be able to advance to the next level most efficiently. We have standards set in place that will determine the skills (and level of each skill) that will be taught in each age group (similar to the Sunshine State Standards in education, we want to make sure that all of the benchmarks are met). As the athlete moves from the intermediate to elite level, there are some changes made in technique according to what the player is physically capable of doing. These adjustments will be made across the board as well.

Another goal we have is to get our student-athletes involved in the community. We are asking that each of our teams participate in at least one community service project—as a TEAM. Their community service must be completed by the end of February as the tournament schedule gets very busy after that. We feel it will be a

good team building experience as well as a way for the girls to understand some of the needs of the community and how they can help meet those needs. We feel giving back to the community is very important and we are hoping that the experience will be a positive one that the girls will take with them into their adult lives.

Player Commitment to the Top Select Program

We are looking for athletes who are willing to commit fully to our program. Before the athlete decides to try out for Top Select, they must decide if they are willing to make the commitment involved. We expect all of our team members to attend every practice and every tournament. We feel strongly that our players are student-athletes, but we believe that learning to plan and budget your time is one of the benefits of athletic training. Education certainly comes first, but you will know your practice schedule in advance, so we expect the players to plan their study and homework time around their practice schedule. The only excused absence from practice or tournaments would be an illness or a mandatory school event. Your tournament schedule for the year is given to you at the beginning of the season, and your teammates expect you to plan any other extracurricular activities around this competition schedule. Because we value the education of our student-athletes all players will have a required study hall at out-of-town tournaments. If a player does not have any homework, they will be asked to bring a book to read

Volleyball is a TEAM sport and like any team effort, the success of the team, as a whole, depends on the individual members coming together and giving their best effort. We feel that lessons learned from making a commitment, being part of a team, and making some sacrifices in a program like ours can be carried over into other aspects of our athletes' lives. We want our players to understand what the words TEAM and TEAMMATE really stand for-- a group of people who share a common goal together and understand and agree to make the sacrifices necessary to make that goal become a reality. As part of a TEAM you must put individual needs aside for the good of the team, or the team is destined to fail. Individual glory is nothing compared to team success. We want the players to know that we are "ALL TEAM, ALL THE TIME". Being a part of a team within a larger organization and making sacrifices and commitments to help that team achieve success is possibly the greatest lesson to be learned from athletics.

In the spirit of working together as a team, we are going to need parent volunteers to assist us throughout the year. We will have a sign-up sheet available on the night of our parent meeting once the teams have been selected. As much as we would like to, we cannot do everything, and still do everything well! We have a vision of tremendous success ahead of us, but we will need several helping hands along the way to make that happen.

Once the teams are selected, we will be choosing a parent from each team to assist as a team parent/chaperone. This person will assist the coaches during our travel and assign duties to other parents to make sure the team has all of their needs met. **The team parent will also need to have an AAU and USAV membership so that they may be included on the team roster.** The team parent will receive a separate list of expectations and will need to submit a few forms. We prefer this person to be a parent that attends most practices and tournaments as we will also use them to pass information on to the other families on your team. We welcome and appreciate any support you can give us to make this the best year possible for our players, families, and coaches.

We hope that you will find Top Select Volleyball Academy to be an excellent program, worthy of your support for the coming season. Keep in mind that once you commit to a USAV organization, you are committed by USA Volleyball to that organization and you cannot change clubs during the season.

Dues and Fees

Upon accepting a team assignment we will require a non-refundable deposit (on the day of tryouts). As much as we would like to, we cannot hold a place on a team without the deposit. Your dues/fees include, but are not limited to:

- Excellent training and coaching
- Tournament entry fees

- Uniforms
- Administrative fees and office expenses
- Facility rental
- Coaches salaries
- Coaches travel and lodging expenses
- Conditioning for the Elite Teams (conditioning will be offered for all other players outside of their dues)

Financial Agreement

Academy fees are due in accordance with the provided schedule when the athlete and/or parent accepts a position on a team or having signed the Parent/Player Agreement Form. Players will receive a 5% discount if their tuition is paid in full by the end of December. We accept cash, check and credit card payments. If planning to pay by credit card, there will be an additional charge listed as tax. Fees paid to Top Select are non-refundable except in the case of a season ending injury/illness, or relocation away from Central Florida. In this instance, refunds may be granted with a written request to the Director accompanied by a physician's report where applicable. Refunds are never given on the deposit. Refunds given on dues will be prorated with the exception of monies already spent (i.e. tournament entry fees, uniforms, etc.). NO REFUNDS will be granted after March 1st of the current season.

Fundraising

We will have a mandatory fundraiser for the Academy. There will be an opportunity for the individual player to raise money to reduce their dues through this fundraiser as well. As a young organization, we have immediate needs for the training of our athletes and coaches. The monies raised through the fundraiser will go toward the purchase of equipment, training tools, and additional coaches training. One of our goals is to have all of our coaches continue their education. The Region requires all coaches to be Impact certified. In addition to the Impact training, we would like all of our coaches to complete their CAP I training and to further their education as a coach each year they are with us. Some of the monies raised will be used as a supplement for the coaches' continuing education.

Players may request a sponsorship letter to solicit donations from businesses that support student-athletes. In addition, you will have the opportunity to sell ads to companies which will remain on our website throughout the duration of the season.

We will be forming a fundraising committee to assist families that need to raise monies to reduce their dues. We will support all families in their effort, however, it is the fundraising group that will be raising the monies, not the academy. We will be providing some opportunities for the group to raise monies in addition to the events that they organize themselves (The academy will use a percentage of profit). We will be choosing a chairperson for this committee that will work with the Director's approval to organize events. We are open to hear other ideas for fundraisers to consider this year or in the future.

Financial Aid/Payment Plans

As a young program, we do not have financial aid available. We hope to raise monies to start a fund that will assist families with financial hardships in the future. In order to be considered for financial aid, we ask that the family draft a letter to the Director, along with a payment plan and submit it for approval. We ask that the parent(s) become involved as a volunteer during their time with us. We cannot help every family in need, but we would like to show support for the families that have supported us. We have several athletes who have expressed a need for financial assistance. If you are in the position to offer assistance through a donation to sponsor an athlete, our organization would greatly appreciate the gesture.

Nutrition Plan

Top Select will be providing nutrition plans for the girls to follow to help them choose the best foods for maximum energy during games and post-game recovery. Although this will not be mandatory outside the club, it will be mandatory that coaches monitor the type of food consumption during practices and tournaments.

TOP SELECT TEAM LEVELS, EXPECTATIONS, AND SELECTION

In order to meet the needs of the community, we will be offering several levels of instruction within our organization. We will offer teams that play local, in-state, and out-of-state tournaments for the club season, as well as camps, clinics and leagues throughout the year. We feel this structure enables us to offer all levels of volleyball to the athletes in our community. Although a strong focus of our program will be to offer the training required to play at the college level, we want to share our love of the game with all interested players from the beginner to the elite athlete. We will provide every player the opportunity to reach her personal goals involving the sport of volleyball whether it is to play at a collegiate level, improve as a high school player, or achieve a higher level of physical fitness

The Elite Program:

This program is for the athlete who has a strong desire to play volleyball in college. The athlete must be highly committed to making volleyball a number one priority over other activities. The members of our elite teams will travel out of state to National Qualifiers where they will compete against the top teams in the country. The players on our elite teams must have the desire, athleticism, and skill level required to compete with the strongest college prospects.

The Travel Program:

This program is designed for the player who may also have an interest in playing volleyball in college. The athlete must be willing to make the sacrifices necessary for her progress and that of her team. While not quite as intense as the Elite Program, these teams are still very competitive. The members of our travel teams will compete in at least one National Qualifier. This athlete may be looking to play in smaller colleges whose scholarship requirements are less stringent.

The Regional and AAU Levels:

We offer these programs for the young athletes who want to learn the basic fundamentals of volleyball. These athletes may have interest in playing on their middle school or high school team and may have some interest in playing in college. These teams are ideal for the athlete whose involvement in other sports makes it difficult to commit to a travel schedule.

The League Teams:

Leagues will be offered for the beginner to intermediate volleyball player. Leagues will be offered one or two nights a week. Athletes will receive training in the fundamentals of the game with a strong focus on game situations. The first three weeks of the league will be skills and drills only. Beginning on week four, players will train in the basic skills the first hour of practice, and scrimmage the second hour.

Team Selection:

Teams are selected by a committee of coaches. The participants will be grouped into their proper age divisions. During the tryouts, the participants will be given instruction on technique and skills. In addition to evaluating their skill levels, we will also be observing how they perform in game situations. Some attributes the coaches look for are: attitude, athletic ability, desire, leadership, strength, technique/skill, and game sense. Keep in mind that players are also chosen for teams according to the position they play. **Player movement within an age group is the responsibility of the coaching staff. These decisions are made to adjust for injuries, player shortages, player advancement, player commitment, etc **

Athletes will be expected to sign a USAV commitment. This commitment includes signing the ***Parent/Player Agreement Form*** and payment of the initial deposit due. After signing the commitment, no release will be granted unless the player moves out of the Central Florida area. In order to participate in any of our tryouts or programs, you must first register. **To Register for tryouts or programs: Visit our Website, Click on Club Info, then Registration.**

RULES AND POLICIES

Discipline and Respect:

Our coaches and staff expect all athletes to treat **ALL coaches, staff, parents, Top Select players, tournament staff, opponents, referees, and all adults with exceptional courtesy and respect at all times.** We are asking that our coaches set a high standard for behavior at all times. When we enter a facility, we want to be recognized as a respectful and disciplined group. This is not to say we cannot have fun, but there is a time for fun and a time for discipline. As we travel throughout the country, we want people to remember Top Select Volleyball Academy as a unique group within the volleyball community. Athletes that disobey either Top Select rules, or USAV rules, may be disciplined or expelled from our academy. Athletes found to be in possession of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at any practice facility, tournament facility, or Top Select sanctioned event will be immediately expelled from the academy. If an athlete is expelled, there will be no refund of dues collected. We want the players, parents, and coaches to be proud of our organization and we think discipline and respect for others is a great way to achieve that goal.

Team Practice Policies:

As stated in the Commitment section, practices are mandatory for all players. If you can attend school, you should attend practice. If a player is injured we feel they should still attend all practices. You may not be able to participate, but every practice gives you the opportunity to learn valuable lessons. Your team and coach will appreciate your support. We ask that all players wear their practice shirts to every practice. It shows discipline and builds team unity and a consistent look within our academy. If a player has to miss a practice for any reason they must notify the coach or assistant coach prior to their practice time. You must arrive at the practice facility at least 15 minutes prior to the start of your practice. This will allow you to perform any pre-practice duties and warm-ups so you can walk onto the court at your scheduled time ready to go. It is disrespectful to your team and your coach to arrive late, so plan your travel time accordingly. We ask that players remove all jewelry and we do not allow gum chewing in our facilities or outside food or drinks (except water and sports drinks). ****All club Forms must be turned in at the first practice or players will not be able to participate.**

Attendance Policies

Top Select will enforce the following practice and tournament attendance policy for every athlete. Attendance at practices and tournaments may affect playing time. **General Policy:** It is the responsibility of the athlete or parent to notify the coach of any scheduled team event that the athlete will be missing with at least one week notice for practices and two weeks notice for tournaments.

Practices:

- All practices are Mandatory. It is the athlete's responsibility to balance schoolwork with practice.
- When an athlete has had 6 absences, the Coach and Director will conduct a review to determine if that athlete should remain with the team.
- Missing more than ½ of practice counts as an absence, flexibility will be extended to school dismissal time and school location as well as the location of your residence in relation to the practice site.
- All absences from practices will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Tournaments:

- Missing a part of any tournament counts as 1 absence
- Attendance at Regionals, National Qualifiers and National Championships is mandatory. Players who do not attend Nationals will not be eligible to tryout for an elite team the following year.
- The Coach and Director will evaluate all tournament absences on a case by case basis

Travel Policies and Rules:

First and foremost...Please keep in mind that when the team participates in a tournament, whether in town or away, the player's time and attention belongs to her coach. From the time the player leaves home, until the player returns home, they are under the direction of their coach. As hard as it is for parents to let someone else take control, the coach will be making decisions based on what is best for the TEAM, not the individual player. The coach will set the curfew, the coach will excuse the players from the gym, the coach will set meeting, study hall, and gathering times for the team, the coach may want the team to watch videos or training films, the coach will make sure the entire team spends mealtime together.

HOTELS: *TOP SELECT WILL NO LONGER BE PAYING FOR HOTEL ROOMS*

For tournaments, such as qualifiers, players are required to make reservations with a tournament hotel, usually through a reservation agency. It is mandatory that all players and coaches stay at the same tournament hotel, otherwise the team, or player may be penalized (i.e. forfeit, denial of participation, etc.). The club will reserve the rooms and let the teams know when the deadline is to book them. It will be the parent's responsibility to make a reservation or ask the club to do so, provided they have submitted a credit card authorization form. For other tournaments that do not require hotel stay, we highly suggest that the team stay together. If that cannot happen, please note that the player is still responsible for attending all team meetings/activities.

Athletes on teams 14 and under are required to stay with their parents (or designated chaperone). Athletes on the older teams (15-18) will also be required to make arrangements with their families. However, if a group of players wish to room together, they will need to submit the following information to Top Select Administration by the reservation deadline: credit card information for one parent (must have CC authorization form on file), all names of players staying in the room, and emergency contact information. The team parent will be responsible for the transfer of this information.

It is Highly Suggested that: The athletes have a curfew, and that the coaches (or chaperones) check to be sure the girls are in their rooms. At that time they will be asked to call their parents and then turn over their cell phones for the night. This will prevent late night texts and phone calls that could interfere with the sleep of the players in that room. Any player not in their room at curfew will lose playing time the following day (at the very least); more severe punishment is at the discretion of the coach and/or staff.

Once hotels are reserved, we will not change dates of hotel stays due to wave times. We cannot predict the times for our teams and we must confirm hotel reservations well in advance to guarantee our rooms.

FLIGHTS: Top Select will no longer make flight arrangements with a travel agency for team flights. This will now be the responsibility of the parents. For athletes on teams 14 and under, it is mandatory that they fly with their parents. For athletes on teams 15-18, they may travel with the coaches if the parents are unable to make it. Coaches will let players know what time they expect to have all players there for a team meeting. If a player is late for the meeting, consequences (including playing time) will be at the coach's discretion.

Players will need to bring additional monies to cover their food expenses when we travel, and for transportation from the airport to the hotel and back (if necessary). We will inform you of the options and cost of the transportation after the flights and hotels have been booked. Some cities offer inexpensive public transportation, while in other cities our only option is cab service. Transportation to practices and tournaments within driving distance (including Atlanta) will be the responsibility of the parents.

Tournament Guidelines: We expect our players (and parents when applicable) to follow the guidelines set forth at all tournaments. Disobeying the rules will result in discipline and possible expulsion.

From the simplest things... like standing at full attention without talking during the National Anthem, to clearing the trash from both benches after a game, we want Top Select to stand out from the crowd as a disciplined and respectful academy.

After a match, win or lose, good or bad officiating, the captains must go over and shake hands with the Up Ref, it is a sign of good sportsmanship and respect for the officiating staff.

When assigned to referee a match, the entire team must stay until the match begins. The scorekeepers will be at the table, the line judges will meet with the Ref, and the rest of the team will shag balls for the competing teams as they warm up their hitters. These are all small gestures, but they will be noticed and appreciated.

Players are expected to be **ON THE COURT** one hour before their playing time (45 minutes if you ref first). Your coach may require you to arrive earlier if we are traveling more than an hour away from our home base. You will be notified of wave/play assignments as soon as the information is available. Quite often that is only a day or two before a tournament.

While at tournaments and other events, athletes are expected to stay together as a group and be prepared to play, or perform officiating duties at a moment's notice. If someone needs to leave the group, they must first notify the coach.

The players are required to wear warm-up shirts with pants at all times, including their arrival at the venue and between matches. This will provide a consistent look with all the teams within Top Select and it will keep their muscles warm for the next match. We want the players to know that the only way we want them to stand out from the other players on their team is through their individual performances, not through their personal style.

At local events, players should meet in the lobby of the facility, in full uniform, and walk in together. At travel tournaments, players will meet in the lobby of the hotel, in full uniform, and go to the venue as a group. Once inside the venue, the players will pick out a spot to line up their bags in a neat and orderly fashion. It looks good, sends a message of strong discipline, and will help keep backpacks from getting misplaced or lost.

Teams will be asked to eat together as a group at all times. That includes breakfast and dinner at all travel tournaments and their lunch/snack between matches. When at restaurants, the Team and Coaches will sit together at one table or seating area. Parents are invited to team meals, but will be asked to sit with other parents. It is important that the players do not break off into small groups or go off with their parents during this time. ****No sodas or sugary snacks will be allowed during tournament time. Coaches will be enforcing this rule.**

While in hotels, we **expect the athletes to respect the property and privacy of others in the hotel.** Loud or rowdy behavior will not be tolerated.

Under no circumstances will athletes be allowed to entertain guests in their hotel rooms. Violation of this rule will result in immediate expulsion from our program. This includes anyone but parents and/or female siblings (no boys should be in the rooms, even brothers since players share rooms). Visitors should be restricted to the hotel lobby.

Under no circumstances will athletes enter another guest's room within the hotel that is not a Top Select parent, player or coach.

Doors to team rooms should NEVER be left propped open with the night latch for re-entry.

During non-playing periods, athletes are expected to let the coach or team chaperone know of their whereabouts. At no time will an athlete be allowed to leave hotel property without the permission of their coach or chaperone. We expect players to dress modestly and respectfully during non-playing times.

There will be no cancellation of qualifiers once they have been added to the schedule.

Player Rules and Guidelines

During Competition, we expect the student-athlete to:

Learn that both winning and losing are part of the game and learn to accept both gracefully. Be modest in victory; gracious in defeat.

Not use illegal tactics in an attempt to win a game or match.

Have complete control of yourself at all times, whether on the court or the sidelines. Use of profanity or disrespect for coaches or officials, will result in disciplinary action from the coach.

Respect the decision of the officials.

Treat everyone with respect and dignity. Players shall behave according to the rules of their sport. Participants shall strive for honesty and integrity in their statements and actions.

Know that playing time is not guaranteed, skills training is. At tournaments please understand that the coaches are doing their best to distribute playing time. But the main focus is team success.

Be responsible for equipment (team and individual). All players on the court are required to wear matching uniforms (except the libero jersey). Be sure to take care of your uniform as we do not have replacements and they are difficult to replace in a timely manner. Loss of a uniform will most likely result in a player's inability to play in tournaments until it can be replaced.

At away tournaments, (whenever an overnight stay is involved) all players will be required to attend a study hall. Players must bring schoolwork or something to read, or study, during this time. This is required since the student-athlete may be missing school time and will not have time to study if we don't allot time for them.

Behave appropriately. Conduct unbecoming an athlete will not be tolerated at any Top Select event. This covers a wide variety of circumstances, for example the use of profanity, rude gestures toward anyone, disrespect of anyone's property, etc.

Do their fair share of officiating. All athletes must attend a referee clinic at the beginning of the season. Each athlete will be trained to help referee the games. Unless you are in the final match of the tournament, you will be reffing before you go home. ALL players must remain with the team, even if they are not assigned a duty during that match. The entire team stays together until all play is complete and a team meeting is held. We arrive as a team, and we leave as a team...remember...ALL TEAM, ALL THE TIME!!

Playing Time Guidelines:

The following guidelines are intended to allow families to read, acknowledge and appreciate the complexities of playing time and what development means at the elite level. These guidelines are intended to assist families in making sure they recognize that playing time is not guaranteed and that talking to a coach about your daughter's playing time is NOT the best way to handle the situation. We want your experience with our academy to be positive. The best way to ensure that all parties are working toward the same goal--of players improving over time, of producing winning attitudes, of encouraging winning team dynamics, and allowing players to take responsibility for their own improvement is part of our academy's objective.

- **Playing time is not guaranteed simply because your dues are paid.** The fee structure provides a learning experience along with many other benefits (instruction at practice, uniforms, court time, etc.). At tournaments please understand that we will do our best to distribute playing time. However, our main focus is team success, not player success. Playing time at National and Regional Qualifiers will most likely be geared toward the best line-up. Skill development is guaranteed through practices, however equal playing time during tournaments is not guaranteed.
- **Being a member of our academy is intended to provide each player with opportunities to improve through structured practices.** We believe that players must show every effort to improve and work through the challenges of improving. We believe improvement starts with the work ethic and attitude shown at practice.
- **Winning is only one way we gauge our academy's success.** We do not think winning is everything. Keep in mind though that the ability to be successful as a team is lessened if players do not show respect for winning, and the desire to win, by improving and working hard at practices. This includes having a positive attitude toward the game, the coach, and your teammates. Playing time is likely to be adjusted for the performance of skills and attitude at practices and at tournaments.
- **Playing time is Non-Negotiable with Coaches or Administrators.** We have worked hard to secure only experienced coaches for our program. Everyone benefits from their coaching and playing experience even if they are not playing in a particular game or key situation. Parents are asked to NOT discuss playing time directly with a coach. The issue of coaches getting confronted on playing time by parents is very complicated. We need a solid group of coaches to be successful. If coaches believe that parents are unwilling to allow them to make the decisions about player assignments on the court, we will risk the long-term availability of quality coaches which will not benefit anyone. We are asking you to trust the coaches' decisions and support your daughters whatever their roles on the team may be.
- **If there is a problem, players are asked to make every effort to discuss playing time directly with the coach.** Understanding what they can do to improve their performance and skills to give them more game time is a positive first step in achieving that goal. We believe this can be a very healthy experience for the player to get feedback from the coach. (As well as a learning experience for the player to discuss improvement opportunities).
- **We are asking all parents and players to please understand these expectations.** We want the experience this year to be positive for all of our families. We want to provide a quality environment for everyone and therefore we feel we need to clearly express our expectations regarding this very sensitive issue. We need your unconditional support regarding this matter. We support our coaches in making appropriate line-up decisions based on their professional judgment with regards to roles on the team and playing time on the court. Coaches have the responsibility, and the right, to make line-up adjustments during the competition as they deem appropriate.

Parent Code of Conduct

I acknowledge that my child has committed to play with Top Select Volleyball Academy. I understand that Top Select strives to help my child develop to her fullest potential, both as a player and a person. I promise to support and encourage this development by following the guidelines below.

I understand that Top Select is working hard to create a positive image and I will not do anything to jeopardize that mission. If I do exhibit any unsportsmanlike behavior that may reflect poorly on the academy, I realize that I may face expulsion from any future events attended by the academy.

I will teach my child that doing your best is just as important as winning, so my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game. I will remember that the game is for my child's enjoyment, not for mine.

I will do my best to make volleyball fun for my child. I will insist that my child play by the rules. I will make my child feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard. I will never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a competition. I will help my child understand that winning and losing are both part of sports. Sports teach players to believe in themselves and to take risks, when you take a risk there is the possibility of success or failure. Players learn important lessons from both.

I will be involved and set a positive example by ensuring my child attends practice and games, and arrives on time. I understand there may be consequences for my child for tardiness and/or absences from practice or tournaments.

I promise to help my child enjoy volleyball by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan. I will encourage teamwork, camaraderie, and good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for ALL players, coaches, and referees at every game, practice or event. I will remember that children learn best by example; therefore I will set a good example for the players.

I will show my support for my child's team by following the team rules and helping out in any way I can.

I will show my support for my child's team by respecting the coaches. I will allow the team coaches to make the decisions regarding game strategy, player positions, line-ups and playing time.

I will refrain from coaching my child, or other players on her team, during practice or tournaments.

I will respect the academy's rule regarding playing time and will not discuss this with my child's coach; this is the responsibility of my child. Any other issues I feel need to be discussed with the coach will be done in a meeting with the coach and assistant coach away from practice or tournament play. It is best to have at least a 24 hour "cooling off" period to discuss any sensitive issues.

I will be supportive of my child during tournaments and not question them or their teammates regarding their play or about how much or how little they have played. When in doubt, Top Select believes parent support should be unconditional.

I will not talk with any other parent, coach, athlete, tournament official, director, or referee, in an argumentative or disrespectful manner.

I will inform the coach of any conflicts with practice or tournaments well in advance so the coach will be able to make the necessary adjustments to their practice plan or tournament strategy.

I agree that if I do not abide by the aforementioned rules/guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, coach, tournament director, and/or Top Select Administrators.
- Written warning/reprimand.
- Parental game/match/tournament suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file.
- Parental season suspension

**Top Select Volleyball Academy
Parent/Player Agreement Form**

Player Agreement:

I, _____ have read and agree to the player guidelines regarding:

(Please initial each section below)

- _____ **Player Commitment**
- _____ **Discipline and Respect**
- _____ **Team Practice Policies**
- _____ **Attendance Policies**
- _____ **Travel Policies and Rules**
- _____ **Tournament Guidelines**
- _____ **Player Rules/Guidelines**
- _____ **Playing Time Guidelines**

Parent Agreement:

I, _____ have read with my child all the above mentioned sections of the handbook. In addition to agreeing to the aforementioned guidelines, I have also read and agree to the guidelines regarding:

(Please initial each section below)

- _____ **Dues and Fees**
- _____ **Financial Agreement**
- _____ **Parent Code of Conduct**

Player Information
(Complete and bring to your first practice)

Player's Name _____

Team _____

Coach _____

Position Preferred: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

(Include the number of years you have played that position, e.g. Setter/4 yrs)

Your assigned position for this season: _____

(Subject to change depending on the needs of the TEAM)

Why did you want to become a part of this team?

What are your goals and expectations for this year?

Parent Name: _____ Phone # _____

Place of employment: _____

Occupation: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone # _____

Place of employment: _____

Occupation: _____

Checklist for Tryouts

Tryout fee is \$60.00 per player.

You will need to complete all of the below items to be allowed to participate in our tryouts.

- Before players can attend any of our programs, or attend any of our tryouts, players must first register with our academy. Registering does not guarantee acceptance into our academy, nor does it mean that you are committing to our academy. It just means that you are interested in attending one of our tryouts.
- Check the chart below for age definitions
- Each player must register as a USAV member to participate in our tryouts. Please bring a copy of your USAV card to the tryouts. For ages 15 and up, your card from last year is still valid. For ages 14 and under, a new card will be required as of September 1st as that is the new membership date. When you register for a new card, it will ask for a club, click undecided. You will have to go back in and choose the club you will be playing for on or after you have committed to a club. You can access the site for registration with USAV through our website, click forms/tryouts.
- Complete and notarize the medical release and bring to check-in. (Ages 15 and up will need their form from last year as their tryout dates are still under their last years membership). This form is available on our website, click forms/tryouts, and through our registration process. As a convenience for you and a fundraiser for the academy, we will have a notary on hand at the tryouts for a fee of \$5.00
- Bring a check, money order or cash in the amount of \$60.00, made out to Top Select Volleyball Academy to tryouts. Credit cards are not accepted at this time. ** Please note that once the athlete is accepted on a team, you will need to sign the USAV commitment form and pay the deposit fee on the day of the tryouts.