

Guardian Code of Conduct

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The Lanark United Volleyball Club (LUVC) outlines specific responsibilities for guardians of their athletes to ensure a positive and productive environment for everyone involved. All guardians acknowledge the following requirements as conditions to LUVC membership:

Prior to Joining & Commitment:

- Complete the Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) "Respect in Sport" course.
- Ensure your athlete fully understands the scope of their commitment to the team *before* accepting a position. This includes time, travel, and dedication.

Punctuality & Attendance:

- Ensure your athlete is punctual (early) for all practices and games.
- Ensure your athlete is available to attend all tournaments. Any anticipated absence must be approved with substantial notice.
- Provide early notification (if possible) for any practice absences.
- Ensure your athlete attends practices and tournaments on time.

Conduct and Support:

- At all times and in all situations, demonstrate respect and support for:
 - Members of the team
 - Coaches
 - Officials
 - Opponents
 - Spectators encountered during competition.
- Bullying, abuse, harassment, and discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Voice positive support for the team during matches.
- Do not participate in any personal or electronic communication that is critical, derogatory, hateful, or disrespectful toward any member of the team, the Club, or an opponent.

Interacting with Coaches and Club Protocol:

- Do not approach a coach during a game or tournament to discuss player selection, playing time, or strategy.
- Respect the right of the coaching staff to conduct practice as they see fit.
- Adhere to the official Club complaint protocol if you have a concern.
- "24-Hour Rule" & Athlete Self-Advocacy:
 - Observe the "24-hour rule" before raising a concern during a tournament. This means waiting 24 hours after an event before discussing a potential issue.
 - Empower your athlete to communicate and address any concerns early by having *them* set a meeting with the coaches. This promotes athlete self-advocacy.
- Refrain from coaching your athlete from the sidelines during practices and matches.

Practical Responsibilities:

- Ensure your athlete has appropriate and adequate food and drinks available during tournaments.
- Ensure payment of any Club fees in a timely manner.
- Participate as a Team Manager, Fundraising Representative, Social Media Representative, Scorekeeper, Assistant Scorekeeper and Line Judges as needed by your team.

These Club expectations aim to create a structured, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants in the Lanark United Volleyball Club.

Please sign below to acknowledge your understanding of the LUVVC Code of Conduct with regard to Athlete & Guardian Commitments

Guardian Signature

Date

