

**TEXAS ELITE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
CODE OF ETHICS**

1. All players should receive a Code of Ethics document. Please review each rule and both player and parent/s sign these guidelines and return to Texas Elite.
2. Athletes are expected to attend all practices and tournaments. If an athlete needs to miss practice, she must inform her coach 24 hours in advance. If an athlete must miss a tournament, he/she must inform her coach one month in advance.
3. The only excuse for missing practice or tournaments is illness or a death in the family. If there is a conflict between a player's commitment to Texas Elite and a school athletic activity or college visitation, the athlete must give the coach advance notice of his/ her absence. Homework and tests are not an excuse for missing practice. Practice schedules are made well in advance in order that the student athlete can manage his/her time accordingly.
4. Leaving a tournament without the coach's permission is grounds for immediate release from the Texas Elite organization.
5. Players and parents are advised that time spent competing at practice and training determines playing time with Texas Elite, NOT YOUR MONTHLY FEE. Playing time is at the sole discretion of the team coach and the directors.
6. Player's placement on a team will be made according to his/ her ability evaluated at auditions, past performance with Texas Elite, and practice sessions.
7. As per USA Volleyball Guidelines, players are not allowed to transfer to another club during the current season.
8. No tobacco, drugs, or alcohol will be allowed at any time while participating, traveling with, or being associated with Texas Elite Volleyball by any athlete. If a member of Texas Elite Volleyball Association is discovered with any of these substances, he/she will be released immediately from the organization. If he/she is at an out of state tournament, he/she will be sent home on the first available flight at the expense of the parents. This rule will be strictly enforced.
9. If a player is not current with his/her financial obligation to Texas Elite, he/she will not be allowed to continue participating until all outstanding fees are current.
10. Any questions regarding playing time should be done only by the specific players. Neither parents nor players will be allowed to approach the coach about playing time at a tournament. The appropriate procedure is for the player to make an appointment with the coach outside of practice and tournament time.
11. If a player, under the Code of Ethics set by the guidelines of USA Volleyball and Texas Elite Volleyball, is disrespectful to a coach at any time, he/she will be asked to leave the organization immediately.
12. Any questions concerning finances should be directed to Becky Palermo...not the team coach.
13. Please remember that an athlete is not only making a commitment to Texas Elite Volleyball financially and in time invested...but also to her teammates. Please review these commitments thoroughly before deciding to participate in the Texas Elite Volleyball program.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT TO THE TEXAS ELITE STAFF. A COPY OF THE CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE. YOU MAY PRINT A COPY FOR YOUR FILES.

We, the undersigned, have read and understand the guidelines set forth by Texas Elite Volleyball and agree to all of the rules and regulations. We are committed to paying all fees administered by the Texas Elite organization.

Player signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____