



Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball Parent Code of Conduct

Purpose: This Parent Discipline Policy is established to maintain a positive and constructive environment for all participants involved in the Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball Club. Parents play a vital role in shaping the sports experience for their children, and this policy outlines expectations for behavior to ensure a respectful and supportive atmosphere.

- **Positive Conduct:** Parents are expected to engage in positive behavior at all times. This includes refraining from negative comments, disrespectful gestures, or any form of verbal or physical aggression towards coaches, officials, players, or other parents.
 - I will encourage my child's participation in sport and support the club and the team by encouraging sportsmanship and by showing respect and courtesy for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and other sporting event.
 - I will promote a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- **Sportsmanship:** Demonstrate good sportsmanship by supporting fair play, showing respect for opponents, and acknowledging the efforts of all participants. Discourage negative behavior and comments that undermine the spirit of friendly competition.
 - I will remind my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- **Communication:** Effective and respectful communication is crucial. Parents should address concerns or questions with the coaching staff privately and at appropriate times, avoiding disruptive or confrontational behavior during games or practices.
 - I will support the decisions made by the coach and officials during games and practices. Any disagreements will be brought to the attention of the coach(s) through the proper channels, as stipulated by the Stoirm Volleyball Club. If I disagree or have questions or concerns, I will present these in a respectful and open manner, via email, after 24 hours, unless there is an immediate concern for safety.
 - I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- **Facilities and Equipment:** Respect sports facilities and equipment. Parents should encourage their children to treat equipment with care and show respect for the venues where practices and games are held.
- **Attendance and Punctuality:** Ensure that your child is punctual for all practices, games, and team events. Communicate with the coaching staff in advance if scheduling conflicts arise.
- **Privacy and Confidentiality:** Respect the privacy and confidentiality of all team matters. Avoid discussing team issues or conflicts with other parents or spectators, maintaining a positive and supportive community.
- **Compliance with Policies:** Familiarize yourself with and adhere to all policies and guidelines set forth by Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball. Ignorance of the rules does not excuse non-compliance.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include but is not limited to the following: Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization as outlined in our discipline policy. This includes:



- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension

Finally it should be noted that the Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball Club Executive will not tolerate the denigration or abuse of any of our coaches, athletes or officials. Failure of a parent to abide by the above noted rules and guidelines may result in that parent no longer welcome to attend Stoirm Volleyball Club events for the remainder of the season.

By supporting our child's team, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined in this discipline policy.

~Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball Administration

This code of conduct has been adapted from one drafted by the Halifax Metro Hurricanes Volleyball Club, originating from the Massachusetts Governor's Committee on physical fitness and sports and the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation Inc. and appears at <http://www.nyssf.org/sportparentcodeofconduct.html>.