

## ATHENS ELITE PLAYER AND PARENT CONTRACT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Athens Elite's core vision is to develop leaders through the sport of volleyball. We will achieve our vision by 1.) Providing a competitive and supportive environment for youth to compete at the highest level their abilities and commitment allow 2.) We nurture the whole athlete -physically, mentally, and emotionally- for their enduring success on and off the court 3.) We provide a positive and supportive environment where athletes cultivate their passion and confidence, all while demonstrating a high level of respect and kindness towards their teammates and the game.

Athens Elite will always make decisions on what is best for the team and the club as a whole. Playing time will be decided by the coach of each team. Playing time will be rewarded on a competitive basis, based on many different elements; practice attendance, attitude, skill, and position. Athens Elite's director will always back the decision of the coach when it comes to playing time. We will question the coach if we feel the overall goal of the club is not being upheld.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (player) will always respect my coach, club, and teammates. I will always encourage my teammates to play well even if I am sitting on the bench waiting my turn to compete. I will show up to practice with this in mind and maintain my commitment on developing my skills. I will be inspiring to my teammates. I will be willing to work hard, and I will always want to play better than the day before. I will always be courteous and compete with the utmost sportsmanship. I understand the rules listed below are to be upheld and if I happen to break these rules, I will be given an initiative enforced and decided by my coach or the club.

- Being late for a tournament
- Being late for practice
- Missing the practice before a tournament
- Talking back to a coach
- Treating any member of the club or my team with disrespect
- Losing a piece of my equipment

If you forget a piece of your equipment at practice or at a tournament the following will happen: your parents will have to pay full price to get you a new one. If this happens to be a piece of equipment that is part of the team uniform, you will not compete until the new piece of equipment comes in. (ex: team uniform)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) promise to support my daughter financially and pay all team dues as agreed by the fee schedule provided to you. I understand that the fees have been decided based on the number of athletes on my daughter's team. If I chose to quit, then I am still responsible for all club fees including end of season tournament fees. I understand that if I choose to pull my daughter from Athens Elite, I will not be given a refund for this reason. I will always do my best to have my daughter at practices and tournaments on time. I will always respect my daughter's coach and her teammates.

- I will never question my daughters playing time at a tournament
- I will give the coach the respect of waiting 24 hours after a tournament or practice, before requesting a meeting to discuss any issues.
- If I do question my daughter's playing time or a decision made by the coach, I will schedule an appointment with the coach and the club director. (see Grievances procedures in the handbook)
- Initial contact should be made in person, by phone or email.
- Any final decisions made by the club director will remain final and not subject to appeals •

Accepting our contract means you understand you are unable to attend any tryouts at other clubs. Parents, it is unacceptable to disrespect any element of Athen's Elite, and if you do so it will be addressed immediately. Athens Elite holds the right to dismiss any player or parent at any time for reasons they deem necessary. Parents, it is very important that you are on board with all decisions made for your daughter. These decisions have your daughter and her team's best interest in mind. Athen's Elite is here to help your daughter and her volleyball future whether that future is playing in high school, club, college, or any level she feels she wants to achieve.

Please believe that we will do our best to help her achieve those goals.

**Player signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Standards of Behavior

Our families are representatives of Athens Elite and we expect our families to adhere to a high standard of behavior. Players and player families will be required to pledge their cooperation and conduct during training and the competitive season to uphold the following standards:

- Encourage and demonstrate good sportsmanship and positive support for all athletes, coaches, parents, opponents, and officials at all games, practices, tournaments, and events. This includes cheering for all, staying in designated spectator areas, and keeping our facilities clean.
- Acknowledge that expression of negative opinions, comments and/or statements about athletes, parents, coaches, opponents, and officials may be cause for ejection and further disciplinary action. Unsportsmanlike conduct by players and player families, including but not limited to, booing, ridiculing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or the use of profane language or gestures is prohibited.
- Respect all athletes, teammates, opponents, coaches, parents, and officials regardless of race, creed, gender, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, or ability.
- Prioritize emotional and physical well-being of the athletes over the desire to win. Please inform coaches of any illness or injury that may affect the safety of the athlete or team.
- Notify coaches as far in advance as possible of scheduling conflicts as to adequately prepare practice and tournament plans.

I acknowledge acceptance of all of the above. I also agree to take financial responsibility for the contract that has been agreed and signed allowing athlete participation. I acknowledge that refusal to adhere to this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action. This may include: (a) the removal of the athlete from participation due to argument or disagreement with a coach, athlete, opponent, or official; (b) forfeiture of the athlete's right to play for Athen's Elite or any of its club events at any future date; (c) temporary suspension; (d) exclusion of an athlete's family member at practices, tournaments, and club events.

**Player signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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