



**KATY UNITED
VOLLEYBALL CLUB
PLAYER / PARENT HANDBOOK
2019-2020**

PLAYER / PARENT TEAM COMMITMENT

We at KATY UNITED are committed to helping your player grow as an athlete and a person. Parents and players please read through each paragraph carefully. We will be holding each player/family accountable for these points.

1. Once you have committed to the Katy United Club (the "Club"), you have committed to the ENTIRE SEASON and the ENTIRE SEASON'S FEES, including National Championship tournaments fees, which are built into National Team's Club Season Fees. It is extremely detrimental to the team when a player/parent decides in the middle of the season to leave the Club. Further, it is unfair to any athlete that may have not made or been cut from that team. (See Payment Commitment Document & Terms and Conditions)
2. Fees for this season will range (depending on team committed to) from \$2900-\$4995. The Fee Commitment, all Club fees and National Championship Tournament fees paid to Katy United are non-refundable.
3. A check for \$600 is due the day of tryouts for the team commitment fee. If the player accepts the offered position, the check will be deposited. If the player is not made an offer or declines, the check will be destroyed.
4. Club Season Fees can be paid in one of two ways, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Katy United Club Director. Please review the Fees and Payment Commitment carefully for a detailed summary of the Club Season Fees, and please review the current Club Season Fee Form for more details and a breakdown of the Club Season Fees located at the Katy United website www.katyunited.com. The two payment methods are as follows:
 - a. Pay in full by August 1st 2019 by check or cash to avoid credit card fees
 - b. Pay in equal monthly installments with bank debit card or credit card on the 5th day of each month, beginning August 2019 and ending April 2020 (convenience fee charges will be included).
5. Once the teams are full, the teams are set and can only change at the discretion of the Club Director for the benefit of the team as a whole.
6. Playing time is NOT guaranteed. Factors determining playing time will include attitude, attendance, punctuality, position, skill level, work ethic and the coach's discrepancy.
7. Players **WILL MISS SCHOOL** for some tournaments. Most school districts do not accept UIL letters as excuse for absence. UIL letters are given by email request to tiffanyd@katyunited.com.
8. Players will not be allowed to leave a tournament until the entire team is dismissed. If unforeseen circumstances occur, please contact your coach immediately.
9. Players that accept a position on a Club team are expected to attend EVERY practice and EVERY tournament. We understand unforeseen circumstances arise and are unavoidable but the only circumstances we deem as excused are the same as KatyISD (ie: contagious viruses, family funerals). Missing all or part of a tournament due to

unexcused absences may result in player's inability to make a top team or suspension for the following season.

Teams 11-14s & 15s-1s7 Non-National: We understand we have several multisport athletes in our gym. Therefore, we will be a bit more lenient on discipline for missing practices. We'd ask that your family does their very best to miss as few practices as possible and your coach must be given a schedule so that he/she can plan accordingly. Essential (Qualifier) Tournaments may NOT be missed.

Please Note: Tournaments following an absence may result in less playing time. Teams 15-18s: We believe at these ages, most players in our gym, only play one sport. We feel these players should not miss practices or tournaments except for any unforeseen circumstances.

10. Should you lose or damage a jersey, you will be responsible for the cost of replacing the entire jersey set. National \$250, Regional/Local \$200. You WILL NOT be able to continue using your same number.
11. Katy United will pay Lone Star Membership fee if YOU register player by October 1st. Go to www.lsvolleyball.org to register your player in affiliation with Katy United.
12. Sub-National teams that opt in to play in a National Championship tournament through June must pay tournament registration fee by December 2019. National Tournament fees must be paid in full by February 2020. All payments are non-refundable. Once a decision is made to participate in Nationals, there will be no cancellations or refunds. No exceptions!

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Club volleyball plays a vital role in encouraging physical, social and emotional growth of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage their youth volleyball players to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, discipline and character development.

1. I will have fun!
2. I will be a good sport (win or lose), be honest, fair and always show good sportsmanship to all coaches, players, officials and fans.
3. I will treat everyone, including coaches, parents, players and officials, with respect regardless of race, creed, color, nationality, or sex.
4. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
5. I will not engage in rude behavior.
6. I will talk to my coach when I am discouraged about my playing time. I will be respectful and teachable.
7. I will learn the value of commitment to the team and will finish the entire season, including National championship practices and tournaments.
8. I will put personal goals aside for the betterment of the team.
9. I realize that athletic contests, including practice sessions, are educational experiences and opportunities.
10. I will always pick up trash and items to leave the practice courts and tournament sidelines looking better than when I arrived.
11. I will not smoke, drink alcohol or engage in drug activity.
12. I will not use my personal device (ie: phone, ipad) inappropriately at the gym or while representing Katy United.
13. I realize that everything I post on social media is public information and can be used as a character witness by Katy United and future coaches and schools.
14. I will follow Katy United on social media to help positively promote my Club.
15. I understand that not following these guidelines could result in a meeting with my coach, the directors, and the council. Discipline will depend on the severity.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents are vital to the development of young athletes. Whether sitting in the stands or helping out as a volunteer, parents must set a positive example. Parents and adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example on and off the court

1. Give constructive criticism (to your own child only) during private moments, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc. Be extremely careful about criticism during a tournament weekend or during practice.
2. Support your coach. **“Sideline Coaching” will not be tolerated.** This is not just shouting tips from the sidelines, but it is also giving the coach any tips on how to handle the team. We have asked all our coaches to refrain from engaging in any of these conversations, especially during a tournament weekend.
3. Refrain from using profanity.
4. Abide by doctor’s decision in all matters of players health, injuries, and physical ability to play.
5. Expect officials to make mistakes and accept the decisions of officials on the court as being fair and called to the best of their ability. No speaking to or criticizing officials or line judges.
6. Parents must stay off the court during practices and games. Remain under control in order to set a good example for players and other spectators.
7. Do not criticize an opposing team, fans or coaches by words or gestures.
8. Help teach sportsmanship, ethical conduct, fair play and the value of commitment.
9. Inappropriate behavior is cause for immediate ejection from the stands. Repeat offenses will result in being barred from future games and Katy United sponsored activities.
10. Address issues as they arise. Your coach wants to hear from you, but all communication procedures must be applied. Please follow the Communication Procedures as provided in this Player / Parent Handbook. If you need to let your coach know about an illness, traffic, needing to leave practice early, etc., please email them and if time is of the issue, text them as well to let them know you’ve emailed. We ask that all communication be in writing.
11. Refrain from speaking negatively about coaches or players to other parents or players. This is one of the most detrimental issues to a team. Please follow the communication procedures to find resolution. If there is a problem between players, please allow the players to handle this with their coach. If a director or council member is needed, they will be available.

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12. Working with pre-teen/teenage girls certainly has its ups and downs. We live for the awesome times but the bad attitudes are just par for the course. We'd ask that you allow our coaches and staff to deal with this especially during a tournament. If you feel as a parent, you need to discipline your child; we ask that you NOT withhold practices or tournaments from her. This is detrimental to the entire team and could leave the team without enough players. Please let your coach know what's going on through an email and allow them to do their best to help you with the circumstance. We're here to stand beside you and bring these girls up to love and respect others.
13. Within the Coach's Code of Conduct, Coaches are asked not to socialize with parents or players outside of team events. Coaches are asked to maintain a level of professionalism. No drinking alcohol in front of players or with parents. Please do not invite coaches to partake in these events.
Coaches are also asked not to ride to tournaments with player's families. Riding from hotel to venue is fine if the entire team is riding together. Riding from hometown to tournament town is not permitted.
14. We'd ask that parent keep a professional relationship with coaches only.

GYM/PRACTICE RULES

1. **BE ON TIME!** Early is on time...on time is late. Players are expected to be on their court at practice start time. Please take into consideration players take approx. 10 minutes to get gear on and prepare themselves to play.
2. If your player will be late or absent from a practice, you must contact your coach by email 48 hours ahead. If your player will miss a tournament, as soon as schedules are released, coaches must know of this date by email. Practices and tournaments are prepared in advance and not having a player will change what can be done during a practice or game.
3. No gum allowed in facility.
4. Limit celebrations to once a month and at the end of practice. Eat cake/cookies/etc. in parent area only or in parking lot. Please clean up after yourselves and dispose of your team's trash in our dumpster outside.
5. Always hustle during practice, don't walk.
6. Water and Gatorade only on court surface.
7. No cell phones during practice.
8. Shorts or pants should be worn over spandex unless playing. When you arrive, you should have on covers and when you leave, put them back on to leave.
9. You are required to wear your Katy United practice shirt to all practices and workouts. Should you require more than the 2 that were provided, you will be responsible for the cost of extra.
10. Player's equipment not used during practice must be kept inside of zipped backpack. Backpacks should be hung up while practicing.
11. Always leave your court cleaned up and ready for the next user.

GAME DAY/TRAVEL RULES

1. Plan ahead and arrive 1 hour before scheduled game or work assignment. Allow yourself enough time to find the facility, park and get into the gym. Some facilities have very little parking on site and generally a long distance to walk.
2. When tournament schedules come out, please let your coach know immediately of any dates your player cannot attend. If unforeseen circumstances arise, and your player will not be attending a tournament, please contact your coach immediately. In this situation, we ask that you email the coach to explain and also text her/him to let them know you've emailed about missing.
3. When traveling to out of town tournaments, we ask that you check into your hotel by 10pm. If you will be arriving later than 10pm, please let your coach know. Once you've arrived and checked into hotel, let your coach know you are there.
4. Support all Katy United teams at tournaments. Check schedules and see which other teams are attending the same tournaments.
5. Sit as a team during off matches.
6. Everyone who is not on the court playing should be cheering enthusiastically for those who are playing. This role is extremely important at practice and especially at games.
7. During a tournament, players must wear Katy United apparel while in the tournament venue.
8. Player's equipment, not used during the match, must be kept inside of zipped backpack. Backpacks should be together and lined up in designated areas only.
9. Each team will have a work schedule that must be followed during a tournament. No exceptions.
10. We ask that you wear Katy United pants or cover shorts when you are not playing.
11. Should you lose or damage a jersey, you will be responsible for the cost of replacing the entire jersey set. National \$250, Regional/Local \$200. You WILL NOT be able to continue using your same number.
12. Coaches may require no cell phones during tournaments and team outings.

COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

Should you have any concerns/issues with coaching decisions, playing time, practices, etc., we encourage you to follow these procedures in the order as they appear below.

Please email your coach instead of approaching them before/during/after practice with questions or concerns.

We will not, at any time, discuss any other child except for your own.

Please keep in mind that we require you to wait 48 HOURS from the end of a tournament before addressing any coaching decisions, for any given tournament by any form of communication. If you are playing in a multi-day tournament, we ask that you wait 48 hours after the last day of play. This is imperative for all parties to have time to cool off and collect thoughts. Approaching a coach at a tournament is inappropriate and generally embarrassing to the player.

1. Player must talk to her coach first. We understand this is learned and not easy for a child, but it's truly best for them. This is beneficial to both as it increases rapport between player and coach. Your child will have more confidence and her coach will have more respect for your child. This relationship is very important. We recommend a parent be present to listen only but would ask that they not interject as the player needs to learn to talk to her coach.
2. If the meeting between the Player and the Coach goes unresolved, a second meeting may be necessary. The parent will then email the Coach to set up a parent meeting. A staff member will attend this meeting (ie: A Director or Relational Director)
3. If the meeting between Parents and Coach does not end in resolution, a third meeting may be necessary. This meeting would involve Club Director and/or Relational Director.

2019-2020 PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK SIGNATURE PAGE

This Player/Parent Handbook is designed for you to know and understand the commitment each player and parent is making to Katy United Volleyball Club. We appreciate your commitment!

Parent:

_____ I have read the Handbook in its entirety and will uphold my part as a parent of Katy United Volleyball Club.

Parent Printed Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Player:

_____ I have read the Handbook in its entirety and will uphold my part as a player of Katy United Volleyball Club.

Player Printed Name _____

Player Signature _____

Date _____