

Memphis Starlings Volleyball Club

Player/Parent Expectations & Contract

2018 Season

PRACTICE

- **All practices are mandatory.**
- Any absence should be communicated to the coach ASAP. Sickness or death in the family are the only reasons to miss a practice. Communication with your coach is key. If you are absent from school due to sickness, you cannot practice that day.
- Consequences of missing practices:
 - * 1st Unexcused absence = extended conditioning
 - * 2nd Unexcused absence = sitting out for a set
 - * 3rd Unexcused absence = sitting out for 2 sets
 - * 4th Unexcused absence = sitting out a match
- Tardiness (being late) to practice will not be tolerated. Late to practice includes not being fully dressed and ready at the appropriate time. This will be handled with extended conditioning.
- Players will dress “alike” for all practices (Fore example:All wear purple). No club gear or other school's gear will be permitted. If the shirt you wear to practice is not Starling Volleyball Club it will need to be turned inside out.

NOTE: All practices will be **closed**. Only players, coaches, managers, or administrators will be allowed in the gym. Player focus is much better and more improvement is made when there are not distractions from third parties sitting in stands/ bleachers.

GAMES

- Players will arrive at the gym 1 hour prior to game time. Late arrivals will be handled the same as practices.
- Players 30 minutes late will be required to sit out for the match.
- No player is permitted to leave until all games are finished and you have been dismissed by the coach.
- Do not ask to leave early.
- Players will behave appropriately at all times. There will be no taunting, rude, or disrespectful behavior to another team, officials, parents, or coaches.
- Players are required to have ALL jerseys in their bags for all games.
- Warm ups are to be worn before and after games. No exceptions. Players without their required gear must sit out for the match.
- All players will need “volleyball shoes” and black shorts for games.

Hustle is expected at every practice and game. No one is entitled to a starting position for any reason. Positions on the court and on the team are earned.

PARTICIPATION

- All student athletes must abide by Starling Club policies found in the student hand book.
- Students must maintain good grades to be eligible to play. Progress reports will be submitted to the coach on a biweekly basis.
- Participation in any and all fundraising is **MANDATORY**.

NOTEBOOKS

- Players will be responsible for maintaining a notebook throughout the season. This notebook is not to be shared with other players and is to be viewed only by the player, the coach, and their parents.
- This notebook **MUST** be in the player's bag at all times and is required at all games and practices.

PROBLEMS/ISSUES

- Players and parents will work within the following guidelines if any problems arise during the season:

Player has issues with another player

- a. Player to Captain
- b. Player to Coach

Player has issue with Coach

- a. Player to Coach
- b. Player to Coach and Parent
- c. Player to Head Coach and Parent

Parent has issue with Coach

- a. Parent to Coach
- b. Parent to Head Coach

- First point of contact should be the player speaking to the coach. If your player has not spoken to the coaching staff first, please direct them to contact us.
- Parents are asked to respect the 24 Hour rule. This means that any concerns that a parent has can be brought to the coach no sooner than 24 hours after the match. Breaking of the 24 hour rule will result in the player sitting for the next match.
- Parents understand that playing time and level of play is at the discretion of the coaching staff.
- Any concerns of this matter will be addressed directly to the Head Coach in a mutually professional manner.
- Any student receiving In School Suspension (ISS) will be required to sit out an entire match.
- Any student receiving Out of School Suspension will be dismissed from the team.

ACADEMICS

Each coach has certain policies on grades. Please help us stay on top of your child's grades. We want what is best for them and their academics will take them much further in life than volleyball. We are going to monitor each players' grades the best way we can, but we need your help with this.

PARENT SUPPORT

We want your support for our volleyball program and we definitely want you to be involved. Just like players have specific roles, parents have a specific role as well. We ask that all parents adhere to being parents and cheer for your daughter and her teammates. Leave the coaching to the coaches. This is critical for our program to reach our desired level of success this season.

Parents understand that they may be called upon to assist during home games throughout the season as line judges, scoreboard operators, score book keepers, announcers, and/or concession stand workers. It takes the involvement of all parents for our team to be successful. Sign-ups will be held prior to the start of the season.

FUNDRAISING

Each coach that we have are new hires this school year so we were not able to raise money throughout the summer. We are always open to any fundraising ideas any parents may have. If you have a fundraising idea or want to help with fundraising in any way, please let us know. We would love to be able to purchase two tablets to track statistics (for recruitment).

PROGRAM FEES

- Program fees range from \$1,200 to \$1,600 for all players to participate depending on their age group. These fees cover equipment, coaching salaries, 3 practice shirts, 3 jerseys, 2 pair of shorts, tournament registration fees, and gym rental fees.
- USA Volleyball Association requires \$52.00 for each child to become a member and our tryout fee is \$20.00 per player. There is also an additional \$18.00 fee to conduct background checks for all parent volunteers and coaches. These fees are outside the cost of the Memphis Starlings Volleyball Club and are *nonrefundable*.
- A \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit is due when the player is offered a position on the team.

FINANCIAL AID

- We will offer financial aid for all members that qualify. There is an application form that must be submitted to our Finance Department.
- Each player granted financial aid is expected to pay at least 1/3 of their program fees.
- If a player qualifies for aid they are still expected to participate in fundraising.
- Each family may pay the full payment at one time or set up a payment plan with the Finance Department.
- Please contact the Finance Department to complete the application process or visit our website at www.starlingsofmemphis.org.

PRIVATE LESSONS

- Memphis Starlings Volleyball Club offers private lessons.
- Prices range from \$35 - \$90 per hour depending on the group size

Each family is welcome to ask their coach for one on one time. We ask that all one on one sessions be coordinated with the Finance Department or Director of Coaching so fees and gym space will be assessed and communicated with the community centers.

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I have read and agree to abide by all the rules and guidelines stated in the Memphis Starlings Volleyball Club Player Expectations/Contract.

Player Name (print): _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name (print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____