

OVR Waiver and Release of Liability

Note: This form must be read and signed before the Ohio Valley Region, Inc. (OVR) – USA Volleyball member is allowed to take part in any training, competition, practice/warm-up sessions, and meeting or testing sessions.

Participant Code of Conduct

A copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct is included separately with this membership application.

Waiver and Release of Liability

I acknowledge that volleyball or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in a volleyball event can cause potential death, serious injury, or property damage. **With a full understanding of the potential risks, I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING OR OFFICIATING IN A VOLLEYBALL EVENT.**

I hereby take the following action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns: a) **I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE** from any and all claims or liabilities for death or personal injury or damages of any kind, **EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES LISTED BELOW**, which arise out of or relate to my traveling to and from or my participation in any volleyball event, **THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OR ENTITIES:** USA Volleyball and its Regional Volleyball Associations (RVAs), tournament directors, sponsors, and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents of any of the above; b) **I AGREE NOT TO SUE** any of the persons or entities listed above for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released or discharged herein; and c) **I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** the persons or entities mentioned above from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them as a result of my actions.

I grant to United States Volleyball Association, and Ohio Valley Region, Inc., the right to use my name, likeness, and image, in print, video, or electronic media form, in promotional materials or any account or record of my participation in activities sponsored or promoted by the United States Volleyball Association, and/or Ohio Valley Region, Inc. [**Cross out this paragraph if you do not wish to grant the rights described.**]

Signatures Required

In consideration of the rights and privileges granted to me by my membership with the Ohio Valley Region, Inc., a USAV RVA Member, by signing this membership form, I certify that

1. I have read and completed all sections of this membership application;
2. I have read and understand the Waiver and Release of Liability;
3. I have a duty to read and understand the Ohio Valley Region, Inc. and USAV Codes of Conduct and Disciplinary Policies;
4. I understand that the Codes of Conduct, Disciplinary Policies, and Waiver and Release of Liability apply to my conduct in all activities or events sanctioned or sponsored by the Ohio Valley Region, Inc./USAV in which I participate;
5. I understand that I have given up substantial rights;
6. I (or my parent or legal guardian) am at least eighteen (18) years old;
7. I agree and consent to abide by the Waiver and Release of Liability set forth herein, the USAV Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policies, and the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policies of any RVA in which I participate; and
8. I understand that, if I violate the Ohio Valley Region, Inc. or USAV Codes of Conduct, I might be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Ohio Valley Region, Inc. or USAV disciplinary policies.

Participant's Printed Name

Participant's Signature (regardless of age)

Date Signed

If applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must execute, in addition to the foregoing Waiver and Release, the following, for and on behalf of the minor.

The undersigned parent and natural guardian or legal guardian of the applicant _____ (minor's name) executes the foregoing Waiver and Release for and on behalf of the minor named herein. I hereby bind myself, the minor and all other assigns to the terms of the Waiver and Release. I represent that I have legal capacity and authority to act for and on behalf of the minor named herein, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the persons or entities named in the Waiver and Release for any claims or liabilities assessed against them as a result of any insufficiency of my legal capacity or authority to act for and on behalf of the minor in the execution of the Waiver and Release. I have also received the USAV Participant Code of Conduct and have reviewed the Code with my child regarding the stipulated conditions and their ramification. I fully consent to my child's participation in OVR/USAV events.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date Signed

USA Volleyball Participant Code of Conduct

(To be retained by member)

In consideration of the rights granted to me by my membership with the Ohio Valley Region, Inc. (OVR), a USA Volleyball (USAV) Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) member, I consent to abide by the rules of conduct set forth herein, while I am a member of the OVR. I understand that these rules extend to my conduct in activities related to, and during any USAV/OVR sanctioned event in which I participate. This includes all events or activities sanctioned or sponsored by the RVAs or the USAV, practices, travel to and from events, volleyball camps, players' clinics and officials' clinics. I also understand that if I violate any of the following rules, I might be subject to whatever disciplinary action is deemed appropriate by the authorized person, persons, boards or committees of the RVAs or USA Volleyball.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Illegal transport, illegal possession, or illegal use of drugs or other substances banned by the OVR or USAV. (Note: Disciplinary actions for use of banned substances shall be in accordance with USAV Drug Policy Program.)
2. Use of a recognized identification card by anyone other than the individual described on the card.
3. Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room, dormitory, residence, or other person. (Restitution will be a part of any penalty imposed.)
4. Possession of fireworks, ammunition, firearms, other weapons, or any item or material which by commonly accepted practices and principles would be a hazard or harmful to other persons.
5. Any action considered to be an offense under Federal, State, or local laws/ordinances.
6. Violation of the specific policies, regulations, and/or procedures of the OVR, USAV, or the facility used in conjunction with a sanctioned event. (It is the responsibility of the individual to be familiar with applicable specific policies, regulations, and procedures.)
7. Conduct which is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior.
8. Physical or verbal intimidation of any individual.

USA VOLLEYBALL DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Infraction	When Occurred	Suggested Maximum Penalty**
First	Before or during event	Individual disqualified immediately (if person is a junior she/he will be sent home as soon as possible and parent or guardian notified). The individual will be declared ineligible for OVR membership or USAV registration for one year starting from the date of the infraction.
	After event concludes	Individual will be declared ineligible for OVR membership or USAV registration for one year starting from the date of the infraction.
Second	Before or during event	Individual disqualified immediately (if person is a junior she/he will be sent home as soon as possible and parent or guardian notified). The individual will be declared ineligible for OVR membership or USAV registration for two years starting from the date of the infraction.
	After event concludes	Individual will be declared ineligible for OVR membership or USAV registration for two years starting from the date of the infraction.
Third		Individual will be immediately declared ineligible for OVR membership or USAV registration for the remainder of her/his lifetime.

Note: Major misbehavior (e.g. verbal or physical abuse of a child, sexual harassment, etc.) may subject the violator to immediate lifetime ineligibility for OVR membership or USAV registration.

**Appeals may be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the bylaws and operating code of the OVR and USA Volleyball as printed in the current OVR Handbook and Official USA Volleyball Guide, respectively.