

USAV/OVR Participant Code of Conduct

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

USA Volleyball Participant Code of Conduct

In consideration of the rights granted to me by my membership with the Ohio Valley Region (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 OVR or USA Volleyball.

The following actions are prohibited:

1. Violation of any anti-doping policies, protocols or procedures as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Violations of this provision will be adjudicated only by USADA or the proper anti-doping authority, not USA Volleyball (USAV).
2. Possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol and / or tobacco if illegal or in violation of OVR or USAV policy. USAV policy prohibits the possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol and/or tobacco by anyone registered as a Junior Olympic Volleyball Player at the event venue of any USAV sanctioned junior event.
3. Use of a recognized identification card by anyone other than the individual described on the card.
4. Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room, dormitory, residence or other person. (Restitution will be part of any penalty imposed.)
5. Possession of fireworks, ammunition, firearms, or other weapons or any item or material which by commonly accepted practices and principles would be a hazard or harmful to other persons.
6. Any action considered to be an offense under Federal, State or local law ordinances.
7. 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.)
8. Conduct which is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior.
9. Physical or verbal intimidation of any individual.
10. Actions that will be detrimental to USAV or the OVR.

USA Volleyball Disciplinary Policy

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

NOTE: Major misbehavior (e.g. verbal or physical abuse of a child, sexual harassment, etc.) may subject the violator to a lifetime ineligibility for RVA membership or USAV registration after the first infraction. Penalties are only applied after affording the participant due process as required by the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (TSOASA), USOC, RVA, and USAV. Appeals, other than for doping violations, may be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the bylaws and operating codes of the RVA and USA Volleyball as printed in the current RVA Handbook and Official USA Volleyball Guide, respectively.