

Northern Lights Volleyball Club

Club Philosophy

The Northern Lights Volleyball Club (NLVC) is a Junior Olympic program and a nonprofit organization, which resides in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska. It is the desire of the NLVC to establish a volleyball club that is a credit to its members, local educational institutions, coaches, parents, and community. Ultimately it will be the responsibility of the NLVC coaches to fulfill this goal; therefore, the following paragraphs will be the prevailing philosophy for the coaches of the Northern Lights Volleyball Club.

All NLVC coaches are expected to adhere to this philosophy and use it as a guide upon which any and all decisions concerning the NLVC will be based. This philosophy is neither conclusive nor bound to the final words that will comprise this club's philosophy. Rather, as coaches, we are bound to the ethics and qualities that govern the actions and statements of all coaches of all sports.

As coaches we have the unique opportunity to shape and direct the lives of young athletes. As coaches we must be aware at all times of the feelings of the athlete and not lose sight of the sensitivity of the athletes under our charge. The thread of respect between coach and player is the strength upon which learning will take place. We must recognize that a program that is well organized and respected will provide athlete(s) with the prestige, value, and enjoyment of volleyball.

We will work together toward a common goal. The actions and decisions of other coaches must never be discussed in public or with non-coaching members of the

NLVC. We must always display loyalty to one another and to the club, to creativity, goal orientation, and the ability to work hard.

Above all, we represent the NLVC and all it stands for and thus must conduct ourselves accordingly and with pride, dignity, and consideration for not only the NLVC, but for all other clubs that provide athletic opportunities for our youth whether in volleyball or any other sport or athletic endeavor. We must be willing to help our athletes understand the meaning of working hard, working together, and having faith and trust in their fellow teammates.

In conclusion, our first consideration shall be the skill development of the girls of the NLVC. Our leadership should demonstrate a true respect for the rules of play, authority of officials, and consideration of not just the opponent, but of all those with whom we come in contact. Our objective will be to make skill development truly a part of the educational program, and to conduct ourselves on the court so as to be truly worthy of imitation by the girls whose welfare is our job. Our relationship with players, fellow coaches, teachers, and school authorities shall be such as to develop mutual respect and confidence. Our objective will be to win, if possible, to lose, if necessary, but at all times to have the conduct of all contribute to a fuller understanding and a keener appreciation of fair play. We shall teach that good sportsmanship is good citizenship, and as such is essential to individuals, communities, state, and nation.

What to do if you have a concern, problem, or question.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Talk to the person involved. If there's a problem with a coach, a teammate, or other Club member, try to work it out between you. Usually, if you explain what's going on, the other person will be very willing to make an adjustment.	If there's still a problem, talk with your coach. If you need parental support, don't hesitate to bring a parent or guardian along to listen . Ask to speak with your coach either before or after practice, that way they can give you their attention.	Talk with Club Administration. If you have tried Step 1 and Step 2 and there is still a problem, set up a meeting with Club Administration. Again, if you'd like to bring a parent or guardian with you to listen in, please do.

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