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A COPY OF A VALID, LEGIBLE PHOTO ID MUST BE ATTACHED!**

## USA VOLLEYBALL CHAPERONE FORM



### Chaperones must meet the following Criteria:

- 25 Years of Age
- Current Member of USA Volleyball
- Current background screening
- Housed with the team
- Cannot serve as chaperone concurrently with any other team

Thank you very much for volunteering to be a junior team chaperone. As a chaperone you are assuming certain responsibilities for the welfare of the players under your care, custody and control. To assist you in knowing what your responsibilities are we have created this information sheet for you. Please read and discuss these responsibilities with the team coach or manager. If you understand and accept these responsibilities please sign and date the bottom of the form and return the form to the coach or manager.

As a Chaperone, I understand and take responsibility for the following:

1. As an assigned driver transporting players to and from an event, I will obey all traffic laws and will not take any driving risks that will place the players or me in a harmful situation. All players as well as myself will wear seatbelts while in the automobile.
2. If using my personal automobile for transporting players, I understand that I am responsible for any accidents or injuries to my automobile, myself or to the players. I agree to have automobile liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 or more covering the automobile I will use to transport players. I agree not to transport more players than my automobile has seatbelts for.
3. I will have a meeting with the players I am chaperoning to discuss the following:
  - a. Room accommodations - player responsibilities and conduct
  - b. Curfew
  - c. Check-in requirements with you if the players are going to leave the hotel.
  - d. Review of departure times and team activity agenda times.
  - e. Alcohol, tobacco and illegal drug restrictions.
  - f. Team meals.
4. I will refrain from using alcoholic beverages while conducting my chaperone responsibilities. I will absolutely not drink and drive myself or any players while acting as a chaperone. If for any reason I feel impaired to chaperone, drive, or carry out any of my responsibilities I will personally contact the team coach or manager and advise him/her of my impairment.
5. I will do everything that is reasonable and prudent to insure the safety of myself and the players while performing any chaperone duties.
6. As a chaperone, I understand that I am working under the direction of the Club, Regional Volleyball Association, or USA Volleyball Association. Any General Liability insurance available to the Club, Regional Association or USA Volleyball Association (excluding auto insurance) is also made available to me while working on behalf of or at the direction of the Club, Regional Association or USA Volleyball. I understand that I may be personally responsible and liable for any of my actions that fall outside the scope of authority granted to me by the Club, Regional Association, or USA Volleyball.

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Print Name

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Team Name

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Age Group & Division

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Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
On-Site Phone Number

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## CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES – PLEASE READ AND KEEP FOR YOUR REFERENCE!

CHAPERONES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CHECK IN. THIS NEW POLICY IS UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW FOR THE 2012 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. IF IT IS DEEMED THAT THE POLICY IS BEING ABUSED THROUGH MISREPRESENTATION OR DISCOVERY THAT DESIGNATED CHAPERONES ARE NOT PRESENT IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP CITY, USAV WILL REVERT TO ITS ORIGINAL CHAPERONE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2013.

IF A TEAM IS DISCOVERED TO HAVE FALSIFIED A CHAPERONE FORM, COPY OF THE ID, MISREPRESENTED THEIR CHAPERONE, OR IS FOUND TO BE WITHOUT THE DESIGNATED CHAPERONE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP CITY, SANCTIONS WILL BE PLACED AGAINST THE TEAM, ITS COACHES, AND ITS CLUB DIRECTOR. SANCTIONS INCLUDE IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE TEAM FROM THE TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS POSSIBLE SUSPENSION FROM NEXT YEAR'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PENALTIES AGAINST THE CLUB. USAV AND THE EVENT ARBITRATORS RESERVE THE RIGHT HOLD RANDOM ID CHECKS AS WELL AS REQUEST TO MEET WITH YOUR CHAPERONE AT ANY TIME DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

USAV greatly appreciates your interest, presence and cooperation in making this event a successful and meaningful experience for all participants involved. The average participant in the event will be well-mannered, well-disciplined and very cooperative. Our greatest concerns are the safety of each participant, and that at the completion of these Championships there will be no incidents, which reflect poorly on any individual, teams or organizations. We ask your cooperation and responsibility toward these ends. Individuals or teams not adhering to the regulations and laws of the City and State may be removed from the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships.

USAV requires a minimum of one adult chaperone, plus a coach, per team for all divisions and age groups to be present and be responsible for each participant at these championships. It is required that all USAV Teams have a Chaperone that has cleared the Background Screening and be registered. USAV strongly suggests registering two Chaperones per team. The team Chaperone must be responsible for ONLY ONE team concurrently, a minimum of 25 years of age, and housed with the team for its entire time at the tournament.

All participants in the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships – players, coaches, and chaperones—are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct, listed on the back of the Membership Release form.

Additionally we ask that in your duties as Chaperone, you understand the following conduct codes for the team, including the adult members.

### GENERAL CONDUCT

State laws prohibit the use of alcohol by minors and the possession or use of drugs. The use of fireworks is also prohibited. These laws will be strictly enforced by hotel security, team chaperones, and tournament officials. Any player found in violation of these laws may be subject to prosecution by law enforcement officers and will be immediately expelled from the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships, as found listed on the Code of Conduct form. **Violators will be returned to their homes at their team's expense. Team chaperones assume responsibility for monitoring player conduct in and out of the hotel(s) to ensure that all USAV policies and city, state and federal laws are upheld.**

- The use or possession of drugs is in violation of State Law. Violators will be asked to leave the tournament.
- Entertaining members of the opposite sex in hotel rooms is not condoned. Many other settings exist for young men and women to interact. Hotel rooms are not considered appropriate for entertaining members of the opposite sex.
- Maintain competition premises and hotel properties in good order. Littering and defacement of property will not be tolerated.

### COURT CONDUCT

Players will abide by USAV rules regarding court conduct. At all times coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials will be treated with the utmost respect.

Players serving as part of officiating team will:

- Appear on time to perform their duties.

- Sit/Stand alone while performing their duties and pay close attention to the match.
- May NOT talk to anyone during the match except the referees.
- May NOT use phones, mp3 players, iPods, etc. or engage in any other distraction during the match.

Every point is critical in every match – officiating errors can significantly affect the outcome of a match and the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships. Coaches must assume full responsibility for instructing their players in officiating duties, officiating behavior and court conduct rules. Teams that fail to abide by these rules are subject to disciplinary action (e.g. game forfeiture).

#### **HOTEL CONDUCT**

In addition to abiding by these Championship Conduct Codes, all players will:

- Be in their rooms at 11:00 pm or one half hour after their last match or late night meal.
- Maintain quiet in the hotels after 11:00pm.
- Always travel to and from the lodging and playing sites in pairs (to reduce security problems).

**NOTE:** It is the responsibility of every coach and chaperone to review with their team these Championship Conduct Codes. Individual and team violators of these provisions may be excluded from future participation in USAV events. The Event Arbitrator and USA Volleyball Junior National Championships' staff will administer such disciplinary action.