

Angelo Tribe Volleyball Club
Parent/Player Contract 2023-24

Goal of ATVC

Our goal is to create competitive club volleyball teams that develop volleyball players into strong, confident, and well-versed young adults by focusing on our T.R.I.B.E. -

Talent: The development of physical and intellectual talent is a very important part of ATVC. Practice time will be primarily devoted to the enhancement of volleyball skills in a setting that also incorporates intrinsic growth in the areas of discipline, teamwork, coachability, responsibility, and perseverance.

Respect: Respect will be given to all players, coaches, families, club staff, referees, tournament staff/facilities, practice facilities, and anyone else that interacts within ATVC's purview. In all situations, respect will be expected by all of those associated with ATVC. This includes communication, as well as the treatment of facilities and physical property.

Integrity: Our Tribe will remain ethically strong by practicing honesty and humility, on and off the court. ATVC aims to create a club experience in which its parents, players, coaches, and staff cultivate a positive environment based on integrity.

Benevolence: Spreading kindness and goodness is an essential part of becoming successful in all areas of life. Spreading kindness and goodness is an essential part of becoming successful in all areas of life. These things will be cultivated and expected from all members of ATVC.

Effort: We do not expect perfection, but effort. All things worth having in life are those we worked hard to achieve. This means showing up for practice, tournaments, and other club events both physically and mentally prepared to give your team, your coach, and yourself your best effort.

Communication

Each team will have its own group on GroupMe with the coach, club director, and parents only. At least one parent per player is required to join the group. This is to ensure timely communication on updates and changes throughout the season. An additional group may be created with the coach and players. Each individual coach may decide whether players will be required to join this group.

Playing Time

Angelo Tribe Volleyball Club does not guarantee playing time on any team or at any event. It is important to remember what our T.R.I.B.E. stands for and that all of those values will be reflected in a coach's decision regarding playing time. Playing time for all athletes is decided at the discretion of the coach. The following will be evaluated and used to determine playing time:

- Attendance
- Effort
- Performance
- Athletic potential
- Team needs
- Team cohesion on the court
- Attitude and demeanor
- Behavior on the sidelines

If an issue does arise, it is the athlete's responsibility to communicate the issue to the coach and to ask what they can improve on to increase their court time. Athletes will be expected to play in any position to benefit team performance.

Parent Code of Conduct for Tournaments and Practices

Parent participation is essential for the success of ATVC's teams and athletes. Active and responsible parents also contribute to the positive image of Angelo Tribe Volleyball Club within the community. ATVC is responsible for the actions of their players, coaches, parents, and spectators. Please adhere to the following conduct guidelines:

- **Respect:** Be respectful to all players, coaches, officials, officiating athletes, facilities, other teams, and parents.
- **Cheering & Encouragement:** Support all ATVC's teams and players by cheering positively from the sidelines. This is expected for players and it is imperative to model this behavior for our young athletes.

- **Sideline Coaching:** It is important to your daughter's success to focus on the coach's instruction and the team's needs. Coaching from parents during play is distracting and affects the team's dynamics on the court negatively.
- **Approaching Officials:** Never approach or yell at the officials, lines persons, or scorekeepers at a tournament. If a discrepancy occurs, let the coach handle the issue. Officials are human and fallible, kindness and grace goes a long way in creating a positive club volleyball experience for everyone.
- **Communicating with Coach:** Always feel free to talk to the coach but remember coaches, parents, and players are expected to adhere to the 24-Hour Rule in regards to playing time and other issues related to coaching decisions.

Questions, Concerns, & the 24-Hour Rule

If a parent has a question about playing time, coaching philosophy, or coaching decisions, the coach is available to discuss these questions at an appropriate time. It is up to the individual coach to determine the specific times and/or scenarios which are best to have these discussions. During warm up, a match, or a team discussion is NEVER an appropriate time. Both coaches and parents are expected to listen to understand the other's perspective. Coaches are not required to discuss playing time on days of competition.

If these issues are unable to be resolved, or were to become aggressive and/or highly emotional, parents and coaches are expected to wait at least 24 hours after the specific event before revisiting the topic. For example, if the issue occurs on Saturday of a two-day tournament, the 24 hour period begins after the last match is played on Sunday.

This cool-off period allows the parent, player, and coach time to collect themselves so that discussions are productive and positive. ATVC will never allow a parent to criticize or compare their child to another player on the team during these discussions. It is ATVC's goal to enable all players to be successful which cannot be done by comparison to others, but instead a focus on personal growth.

Travel

Travel expenses and planning including, but not limited to, lodging, transportation, and meals, are the responsibility of each family. If the team is traveling out of the area, all team members are expected to dedicate tournament days to any club/team functions. In the case of Stay-to-Play tournaments, it is the expectation that parents will book rooms under the corresponding tournament system to secure the team's admittance.

Tolerance Policy

The Angelo Tribe Volleyball Club does not tolerate hostile or aggressive confrontations between a parent or player and officials, another parent, a coach, another athlete, or another team's representative(s). Violation of this policy may result in the player being expelled from the club without refund.

Policy Compliance

All coaches, players, parents, and fans are expected to represent themselves and ATVC in a respectful manner, with integrity and benevolence. Violation of any club policy may result in expulsion from the club. At their discretion, coaches and/or the Club Director may send a player home at the expense of the parent/guardian for violation of any club policy or rule.

Any player found in possession of or to have used alcohol, tobacco, or any other controlled substance(s) while representing ATVC will be immediately sent home from the event at the expense of the parent/guardian and expelled from the club. If a parent violates club policy, the Club Director may request parents not attend future events or their child could be removed from the program.

Fees, Club Dues, Payments

The fee (or deposit) to commit to play for Angelo Tribe Volleyball Club for the 2023-2024 club season is \$250. This deposit amount is taken off the overall cost due to the club and is due at the time of commitment in order for it to be valid. The ATVC 2023-24 Offer Package is set at \$2400. Payment may be made in full or in five monthly installments of \$430 (\$2400 less the \$250 deposit). The first payment will be due by cash, check, or Venmo on August 1st. The following

payments will be due on September 1st, October 1st, November 1st, and December 1st. There is a **\$50 fee** to become a member of USA Volleyball and it is required.

Parent Agreement & Consent

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the policies, procedures, code of conduct, and obligations set forth in this contract. I certify that as a parent/guardian of this participant, I have explained these policies and procedures to my child. I agree to pay all appropriate fees on time. I consent to her participation in the programs conducted under USAV, North Texas Regional Volleyball, and Angelo Tribe Volleyball Club.

Parent Signature

Date

Player's Pledge

All players must commit to the ATVC Player's Pledge. This establishes the groundwork of a successful season for all parties involved. ATVC encourages responsibility and integrity by enforcing the Player's Pledge which will be signed by both player and parent before they are allowed to participate in practice.

The Player's Pledge:

My goal is to become the best volleyball player and teammate I can be and I alone am responsible for my own actions. I am fully committed to Angelo Tribe Volleyball Club and will uphold the following policies and procedures:

- I will, along with my parents, make sure that I have signed up to play with ATVC through the North Texas Region website and I understand that I will not be able to play without completing this task.
- I will be respectful of ALL opponents, teammates, coaches, fans, game

officials, equipment, and facilities at all times.

- I will not make hurtful comments or make false statements to or about my teammates, club, coaches, opponents, or officials while representing ATVC on and off the court.
- I will attend every tournament, practice, and team function. I understand that if I am unable to do so, it is my responsibility to inform my coach in a timely manner.
- I will be ready and prepared for practices and tournaments on time - 15 minutes before practices and by the designated time set by my coach for tournaments. I understand that being "ready and prepared" means that I am wearing volleyball shoes, club attire, knee pads, and braces and my hair is tied back.
- I will communicate in a kind and positive manner with my teammates and coaches both on and off the court.
- I will do whatever my coach asks of me and do my best. I will accept my role on the team. I understand what it takes to be a part of a team and that playing time will not be "equal," but based on my effort, skill level, and the needs of the team.
- I will discipline my body by getting adequate sleep and fueling my body well before practices and tournaments.
- I will stay focused at practices, scrimmages or tournaments so that I do not distract my teammates and opponents.
- I will perform reffing duties as assigned. I will stay with my team regardless of whether I am working and be prepared to step in if the need arises.
- I understand if I quit an ATVC team during the season, I may not be allowed to return to play for ATVC or receive a transfer to play for another club.
- I will not use drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- I will not use abusive or foul language.
- I will accept lineup and other coaching decisions. If I have a question or concern, I will speak to my coach directly. I understand that there are appropriate times to have these discussions and that right before, during, or right after a match is not an appropriate time.

I understand that if I do not uphold the policies and procedures it may result in disciplinary action from my coach and/or club director.

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies set forth by this contract, including the Player's Pledge.

Player Signature

Date