**Black Country Volleyball Club**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### It is the responsibility of everybody involved in the club to ensure it remains a safe place, free from discrimination, fear and where possible, risk.

An important component of maintaining a quality club culture is to set standards of acceptable behaviour which must be upheld by all involved and those participating in club run activities and competitions.

This Code of Conduct sets out our standards and expectations. It applies to everyone involved in the club and its activities. People covered by this Code include**:**

* Adult members
* Junior members
* Parents and Carers
* Club Officials and Volunteers

The Club will not tolerate swearing or abusive language; irresponsible behaviour including behaviour that is dangerous to yourself or others; acts of violence; discrimination; bullying; harassment or abuse.

As a member of the club you are expected to comply with the following:

* Respect others
* Promote positive role model behaviours for younger members
* Uphold the same values of sportsmanship off the field as you do when engaged in volleyball
* Cooperate fully with others involved in the sport ie coaches, officials, team managers in the best interests of the yourself and others
* Consistently promote positive aspects of the sport such as fair play, and never condone rule violations
* Anticipate and be responsible for your own needs including being organised, having the appropriate equipment and being on time
* Inform your coach of any other coaching that you are seeking or receiving
* Act with dignity and display courtesy and good manners towards others
* Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others
* Leave venues as you find them
* Avoid carrying any items that could be dangerous to yourself or others
* In addition, young athletes should:
  + Notify a responsible adult if you have to go somewhere (why, where and when you will return)
  + Use safe transport or travel arrangements. Never accept lifts in cars or invitations into homes on your own without the prior knowledge and consent of your parent/carer
  + Report any accidental injury, distress, misunderstanding or misinterpretation to your parents/carers and club Safeguarding Officer as soon as possible.
  + Report any suspected misconduct by coaches or other people to the club Safeguarding Officer as soon as possibleBC