

# Black Hills Juniors Player/Parent Handbook

Black Hills Juniors is dedicated to advancing the personal and athletic development of volleyball players in our area through the pursuit of excellence on and off the court. Our goal is to help our athletes be better all-around players and assist them in achieving their goals both in high school volleyball and collegiate if desired.

As of December 17th, 2019 my daughter has made the commitment to be a member of the Black Hills Juniors playing for the team that she has been selected for and agrees to follow the rules below:

1. I/we understand I/we are responsible for paying the amount of \$575 (Half Season) or \$875 (Full Season) or \$650 (practice player full season) or \$325 (Half season practice player) to be a member of the Black Hills Juniors. Along with the dues, parents are responsible for transportation, food and hotels for the tournaments. If your daughter's team decides to attend a national qualifying tournament (i.e. Colorado Crossroads or Northern Lights), there is an extra \$100 fee that will need to be paid prior to attending the tournament. This amount is nonrefundable for any reason such as, injury, relocating, playing time, etc.
2. Half of the dues are due Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at the mandatory parent/player meeting and the other half are to be placed in the envelope provided and dated for March 15<sup>th</sup>. (The checks placed in the envelope will be cashed at that date.) If a different payment plan is needed for your family, please visit with Kylie Voorhees after the parent/player meeting in person or via phone. A down payment must be made at this meeting to secure your child's place on the team. If dues are not paid, your daughter's affiliation with the Black Hills Juniors will be terminated and your daughter will not be allowed to play for the Black Hills Juniors the following year.
3. Players are expected to attend all practices, if they cannot be there they must call the coach NO LATER than three hours before the scheduled practice time. If the player does not abide by this rule they will sit for 1 set during the next scheduled match. The only exceptions to this rule are another school function, activity, if the player is ill, or if the roads are treacherous. Players will not be penalized for these instances however it is their responsibility to inform their coach ahead of time or it will be considered unexcused. If a player is not at practice and does not contact the coach a parent will be contacted ASAP. If a player has a family trip planned ONCE during the season they will also be excused from practice as long as the coach is informed in advanced. Bottom line if girls miss practice frequently they will be penalized.
4. Playing time is earned, it is not expected or given out. Each girl must earn their playing time based on their abilities, development throughout the season, attitude, and work ethic. If there are concerns about your child's development and abilities, please feel free to schedule a parent/player meeting.
5. If a player decides to attend any other non-school sanctioned sport or activity/practice rather than go to a Black Hills Juniors tournament/practice they may be asked to leave the club. Commitment is vital to have a successful team.
6. All players MUST be at practice at least 20 minutes before their scheduled time. The only exception to this is if they are coming from another school sanctioned activity and the coach must know about ahead of time to be excused.

7. Once players arrive at practice they need to get their gear on and EVERYONE needs to help set up nets. This is not social time and is a requirement for all players as you are a team and we need to get practices started on time. Once the courts are ready you are to do your dynamic stretching and band warm ups as a team. Following practice, you are to take down nets and collect all balls as a team before anyone leaves the gym.
8. All players are responsible for reporting injuries to the coaches. Please do not wait if an injury occurs especially any head injuries. Concussions are serious and need to be addressed right away along with any other injury.
9. Black Hills Juniors are not liable for any injuries that may occur during practices or matches. There are no refunds for your club dues because of an injury.
10. Parents and players are to respect all coaches and not to interfere with practices or matches. Our coaches are highly qualified and have experience and should not be questioned in the decisions they are making.
11. Black Hills Juniors has an open-door policy for players and parents to talk to coaches. We ask that you wait 24 hours after the situation before you call to set up the meeting to ensure it's needed. If there are problems or concerns they must first be handled by the player addressing it to the coach in private. If a parent's involvement is needed a meeting will be set up involving the player, coach and director. Meetings or discussions must be set up via phone call as there will be no discussions or setting up meetings at practice or competitions.
12. Parents are responsible for transportation to practices and tournaments, NOT the coach. If you are unable to get your child to a tournament it is your responsibility to find another ride for your daughter. In the event this should happen, appropriate compensation should be given to the parent transporting your daughter, (gas, food, hotel, etc.).
13. Parents are not allowed to contact other club directors to find out information on upcoming tournaments. You will be provided information on schedules and any other pertinent information needed once we receive it.
14. Parents and players must demonstrate good sportsmanship at tournaments and practices. There will be no yelling at officials, line judges, or taunting the other team. Remember your daughters will be officiating matches as well and would like the same respect. Please make sure the area on the bench or where you viewed the match from is picked up before you leave the facility.
15. Girls must provide their own whistle for officiating and be willing to help where needed each match.
16. Players are NOT to leave the facility until the entire team is done officiating.
17. We have a no zero tolerance policy regarding alcohol and other drugs, should this be broken you will be removed from the team and there will be no refund of player dues.
18. Black Hills Juniors is not responsible for any lost or stolen items at any practice facility or tournament.
19. There are no refunds if you are dissatisfied with the amount of playing time your daughter earns, the team your daughter is on, or the coach that your daughter has.

# Black Hills Juniors Player/Parent Handbook Signature Sheet

**\*\*\*Please return this sheet at the Player/Parent meeting after tryouts\*\*\***

I/We have read and understand the Black Hills Juniors Handbook and agree to the expectations and commitment it takes to be a part of the BHJ Volleyball Club.

Player's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ BHJ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ BHJ Team \_\_\_\_\_