

Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement (To be executed by Individuals *under the age of Majority*)

WARNING! By signing this document you will assume certain risks and responsibilities. Please read carefully

Individual's Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(for individual's 17 and under)

1. This is a binding legal agreement; therefore clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As an Individual member in the sport of volleyball and/or the events, programs, competitions, travel, and activities organized, operated or conducted and/or sanctioned by Volleyball Alberta (collectively the "Activities"), the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms.

Disclaimer

2. Volleyball Alberta, member clubs, and all the respective, directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, referees, participants, agents, sponsors, and representatives, and owners/operators of the event facilities (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, property damage, death, expense, loss of income, damage or loss of any kind suffered by the Individual during, or as a result of, the Activities.

We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2

Description of Risks

3. The Parties understand and acknowledge that:
 - a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life; and
 - b) The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety but it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of the Individual's fitness or abilities, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.
4. In consideration of the Individual's involvement in the Activities, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
 - a) The sport of volleyball;
 - b) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques;
 - c) The failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
 - d) Physical contact with other Individuals, participants, spectators, equipment and hazards;
 - e) Contact with, colliding with, or being struck by the volleyball, net, poles, benches, equipment, or other Individuals, participants, or spectators
 - f) Spinal cord injuries which may render the Individual permanently paralyzed;
 - g) Serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of the Individual's body or to the Individual's general health and well-being;
 - h) Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations;
 - i) Concussion or other head injuries, including but not limited to, closed head injury or blunt head trauma;
 - j) Failure to act safely or within the Individual's own ability or within designated areas;
 - k) Negligence of other persons, including other Individuals, spectators, participants, or employees; and
 - l) Travel to and from the event which is an integral part of the Organization's Activities.

We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4

Terms

5. In consideration of the Individual’s involvement in the Activities, the Parties agree:
- a) That the Individual’s mental and physical condition is appropriate, and the Parties assume all risks related to the Individual’s mental or physical condition;
 - b) To comply with the rules of the facility and equipment;
 - c) That if the Individual observes an unusual significant hazard or risk, the Individual will remove himself/herself from the area and bring such to the attention of an Organization representative immediately;
 - d) That the Organization may not provide full health, accident, disability, hospitalization, personal property or other insurance for the Individual and the Parties affirm that they have ascertained appropriate insurance to protect the Individual; and
 - e) The risks associated with the Activities are increased when the Individual is impaired and the Individual agrees not to become involved if impaired in any way.

Release of Liability

- b. In consideration of the Individual’s involvement in the Activities, the Parties agree:
- a) That the Parties are not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or their agents, whether in brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to be involved in the Activities; and
 - b) To freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards, and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from the Individual’s involvement in the Activities and travel to and from the Activities.

We have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5 and 6

General

- c. The Parties agree that in the event that they file a lawsuit against the Organization, they agree to do so solely in the province of Alberta, Canada and they further agree that the substantive law of Alberta will apply without regard to conflict of law rules.
- d. The Parties expressly agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law and that if any of its provisions are held to be invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgement

- e. The Parties acknowledge that they have read this agreement and understand it, that they have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon themselves, their heirs, their spouses, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives. The Parties further acknowledge by signing this agreement they have waived the right to maintain a lawsuit against the Organization on the basis of any claims from which they have released herein.

Name of Individual (print)

Signature of Individual

Date of Birth

Name of Parent or Guardian (print)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Volleyball Alberta Policy Acknowledgement Form

As an individual affiliated with Volleyball Alberta for the current season (September 1 – August 31), I agree to adhere to and abide by [Volleyball Alberta's policies and procedures](#), which include:

Code of Conduct and Ethics	Refund and Cancellation Policy	Social Media Guidelines
Discipline and Complaints Policy	Screening Policy	Appeal Policy
Scouting and Recruiting Policy	Concussion Policy and Protocol	Transgender Inclusion Policy
Privacy Policy	Use of Personal Information	

I have the following role with Volleyball Alberta for the _____ season (check as many as apply):

Coach: Director/Volunteer: Athlete: Committee Member:

I also recognize that I must adhere to additional standards particular to my role(s), which are described in the [Code of Conduct and Ethics](#).

Name of Individual Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Name (If Individual is 17 or under) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Parent's/Guardians of Individual's who are younger than 18:

Parents/Guardians must agree on behalf of their minor as well as accept the policies on their own behalf in their role as a parent/guardian.

As a parent/guardian affiliated with Volleyball Alberta for the _____ season (September 1– August 31), I agree to adhere to and abide by Volleyball Alberta's policies and procedures listed above. I also recognize that I must adhere to additional standards particular to my role(s), which are described in the [Code of Conduct and Ethics](#).

Parent/Guardian #1 Name Parent/Guardian #1 Signature Date

Parent/Guardian #2 Name Parent/Guardian #2 Signature Date

Pre-Season Concussion Education Sheet

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION? A concussion is a brain injury that can't be seen on x-rays, CT or MRI scans. It affects the way an athlete thinks and can cause a variety of symptoms.

WHAT CAUSES A CONCUSSION? Any blow to the head, face or neck, or somewhere else on the body that causes a sudden jarring of the head may cause a concussion. Examples include getting body-checked in hockey or hitting one's head on the floor in gym class.

WHEN SHOULD I SUSPECT A CONCUSSION? A concussion should be suspected in any athlete who sustains a significant impact to the head, face, neck, or body and reports ANY symptoms or demonstrates ANY visual signs of a concussion. A concussion should also be suspected if an athlete reports ANY concussion symptoms to one of their peers, parents, teachers, or coaches or if anyone witnesses an athlete exhibiting ANY of the visual signs of concussion. Some athletes will develop symptoms immediately while others will develop delayed symptoms (beginning 24-48 hours after the injury).

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION? A person does not need to be knocked out (lose consciousness) to have had a concussion. Common symptoms include:

▶ Headaches or head pressure	▶ Feeling slowed down	▶ Difficulty reading
▶ Dizziness	▶ Easily upset or angered	▶ Difficulty learning new information
▶ Nausea and vomiting	▶ Sadness	▶ Not thinking clearly
▶ Blurred or fuzzy vision	▶ Nervousness or anxiety	▶ Difficulty working on a computer
▶ Sensitivity to light or sound	▶ Feeling more emotional	▶ Having a hard time falling asleep
▶ Balance problems	▶ Sleeping more or sleeping less	▶ Feeling tired or having no energy

WHAT ARE THE VISUAL SIGNS OF A CONCUSSION? Visual signs of a concussion may include:

▶ Lying motionless on the playing surface	▶ Blank or vacant stare
▶ Slow to get up after a direct or indirect hit to the head	▶ Clutching head
▶ Balance, gait difficulties, motor incoordination, stumbling, slow labored movements	▶ Facial injury after head trauma
▶ Disorientation or confusion or inability to respond appropriately to questions	

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT A CONCUSSION? If any athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion during sports they should be immediately removed from play. Any athlete who is suspected of having sustained a concussion during sports must not be allowed to return to the same game or practice. **It is important that ALL athletes with a suspected concussion undergo medical assessment by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner, as soon as possible. It is also important that ALL athletes with a suspected concussion receive written medical clearance from a medical doctor or nurse practitioner before returning to sport activities.**

WHEN CAN THE ATHLETE RETURN TO SCHOOL AND SPORTS? It is important that all athletes diagnosed with a concussion follow a stepwise return to school and sports-related activities that includes the following Return-to-School and Return-to-Sport Strategies. It is important that youth and adult student-athletes return to full-time school activities before progressing to stage 5 and 6 of the Return-to-Sport Strategy.

Return-to-School Strategy¹

Stage	Aim	Activity	Goal of each step
1	Daily activities at home that do not give the student-athlete symptoms	Typical activities during the day as long as they do not increase symptoms (i.e. reading, texting, screen time). Start at 5-15 minutes at a time and gradually build up.	Gradual return to typical activities
2	School activities	Homework, reading or other cognitive activities outside of the classroom.	Increase tolerance to cognitive work
3	Return to school part-time	Gradual introduction of schoolwork. May need to start with a partial school day or with increased breaks during the day.	Increase academic activities
4	Return to school full-time	Gradually progress	Return to full academic activities and catch up on missed school work

Volleyball-Specific Return-to-Sport Strategy¹

Stage	Aim	Activity	Goal of each step
1	Symptom-limiting activity	Daily activities that do not provoke symptoms	Gradual re-introduction of work/school activities
2	Light aerobic activity	Walking or stationary cycling at slow to medium pace. No resistance training	Increase heart rate
3	Sport-specific exercise	Running drills. No head impact activities	Add movement
4	Non-contact training drills	Harder training drills, i.e. attacking drills. May start progressive resistance training	Exercise, coordination and increased thinking
5	Full contact practice	Following medical clearance and complete return to school.	Restore confidence and assess functional skills by coaching staff
6	Return to sport	Normal game play	

¹ Source: McCrory et al. (2017). Consensus statement on concussion in sport – the 5th international conference on concussion in sport held in Berlin, October 2016. *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, 51(11), 838-847. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bjsports-2017>

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR THE ATHLETE TO RECOVER? Most athletes who sustain a concussion will make a complete recovery within 1-2 weeks while most youth athletes will recover within 1-4 weeks. Approximately 15-30% of patients will experience persistent symptoms (>2 weeks for adults; >4 weeks for youth) that may require additional medical assessment and management.

HOW CAN I HELP PREVENT CONCUSSIONS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES? Concussion prevention, recognition and management require athletes to follow the rules and regulations of their sport, respect their opponents, avoid head contact, and report suspected concussions. **To learn more about concussions**, please visit:

www.parachutecanada.org/concussion

The following signatures certify that the athlete and his/her parent or legal guardian have reviewed the above information related to concussion.

Printed name of Individual

Signature of Individual

Date

Printed name of parent (If Individual is 17 or under)

Signature of parent

Date

2019 - 2020 Club Season: Tryout Signing Form - (Page 1 of 2)

Date: _____

Name of Athlete: _____ (required) Club Name: _____
(required)

Team Name: _____ (required) Age Category/Gender: _____
(required)

Name of Coach: _____ (required)

This is a formal offer to commit to the above noted club for the indoor competition season. **This form may only be signed during the Tryout Period & thereafter:**

Tryout Period: Starts – November 25, 2019	13U – 15U Edmonton & Surrounding Area Tryout Period: Starts – December 8, 2019
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Formal offers made once the Tryout Period begins expire at 11:59pm, 3 days after the offer is given. Example: Athlete receives an offer on November 26 during the Tryout Period and the offer expires at 11:59pm on November 29.

Athletes are under no obligation to accept the above offer & still have the ability to try out for other club teams. Please take this time to review all of your options and make the decision that is best for you. Clubs are permitted to collect deposits at this time.

Athletes may choose to accept or decline the offer sheet immediately or take 1-3 days to return the signed offer sheet back to the coach. **(Volleyball Alberta recommends athletes participate in more than one club tryout, to evaluate other opportunities and ensure the best fit).**

By signing this form, the athlete and the club are committing to each other for a minimum of one season **from the date the agreement is signed until the end of the season (May 31).** Athletes choosing to decline an offer provided by a team/club should notify teams and clubs with an email declining the offer as soon as their decision has been made.

Athletes are required to register and complete the Volleyball Alberta Membership Waiver form and Athlete Code of Conduct form at the time of signing the offer and submit these documents to the club.

Verification of Age: By signing this document, the club representative is verifying that he/she has seen this individual's government issued identification and that the individual's birth date and year are correctly listed below. (Volleyball Alberta may request proof of registration and a copy of the individual's birth certificate at any time).

Athlete's Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Club Representative's Name

Club Representative Signature

Athletes and clubs are required to keep a copy of ALL forms (Volleyball Alberta Tryout Signing Form, Volleyball Alberta Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity & Volleyball Alberta Acknowledgement Form).

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Team Roster Size: _____ (required) A team may include 15 players, but only 12 players can be registered on the scoresheet and only these 12 may participate in the match.

Club Fees Total (a range is acceptable): _____

Club Fees include the following:

Club Fees exclude:

Deposit Amount: _____

Non-Refundable Amount: _____

NEW for 2020: Clubs may collect deposits after an athlete has signed during the Tryout Period for 13U, 14U & 15U athletes (TBD). A maximum of \$500 of the deposit is non-refundable if the contract is voided by the end of December. Clubs are required to indicate the non-refundable amount, up to a maximum of \$500, on the Tryout Signing Form. Clubs are prohibited from accepting a payment for club volleyball expenses through a 3rd party.

Club Fee Payment Schedule (Outline any expectation for payment due dates):

This agreement may be voided if there is a significant change to the above terms and/or extenuating circumstances. Athletes and/or Clubs would have to apply to Volleyball Alberta (info@volleyballalberta.ca) to request the agreement be voided and therefore be released from the club. In addition to the above terms, we strongly recommend a Club Contract be signed outlining information such as: practice schedule and locations, tournament dates, travel arrangements, code of conduct and any conflicts the athlete may have with team commitments, club philosophy, coaching philosophy, and club refund policy.

Athlete's Name

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name
(If Applicant is 17 or under)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Club Representative's Name

Club Representative Signature

Declined Offer Notification:

This can be emailed to the team/club. The athlete noted below has chosen to decline the offer provided by the team/club:

Athlete's Name

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name
(If Applicant is 17 or under)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date