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## **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Program Goals, Philosophies, and Procedures

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#### **PROGRAM PHILOSOPHIES PROGRAM VISION PROGRAM GOALS** The Cedarburg Girls The main goal of the Cedarburg Girls Volleyball program is to identify strengths and improve upon Volleyball program strives to WILL SHOW provide opportunities for the potential demonstrated by the athletes to RESPECT TO female athletes to become create successful teams as shown through Players, Coaches, Referees, Parents, well-rounded young women personal growth and team successes throughout WILL GIVE and Myself through athletic experiences. **MAXIMUM EFFORT** the season. Focused & determined play to The coaching staff believes The main goal for the coaching staff of the I WILL SHOW ncrease the team's ntensity & productivit **RESILIENCE &** in giving guidance and Cedarburg Girls Volleyball program is to **PERSEVERANCE** support to their athletes and consistently provide feedback and strategy to the Remain confident providing them with players on all three teams to ensure success in and calm through adversity opportunities to learn how to the current season and future seasons. obtain and utilize the skills I WILL HAVE outlined in the program In order for our athletes to achieve personal and **RELENTLESS PURSUIT** philosophies. These skills team goals, various opportunities are provided to REFLECT & CORRECT Constant strive for are crucial in creating great ensure progression & success: success and Self-awareness and athletes as well as strong, Daily and season-long goal setting & reflecting achievement self-correction for Strength and conditioning (year round) independent young women. • Summer volleyball camp, league, & open gyms • Shared communication and support for playing on a club volleyball team



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TEAM PHILOSOPHIES				
VARSITY	JV1	JV2		
Varsity teams are intended to be competitive. Coaches of varsity teams will select players who can compete/contribute at the varsity level.  Not all players will have the opportunity to play in every competitive event. When considering underclass students for the varsity level, player readiness and development should be considered along with the potential for team success.	Junior Varsity will place a greater emphasis on ensuring adequate playing time for all student-athletes. Winning is still a goal, but developing the skills and knowledge student-athletes will need to be successful at the varsity level is also a goal. Playing time/participation may not be equal among players for each event, but most student-athletes should participate in most of the competitive events. At the JV level, promoting skills and positive attitudes is critically important.	JV2 will even further emphasize ensuring adequate playing time for all student-athletes. Playing/participation time at the JV2 level may not be equal among players at each event, but almost all student-athletes should compete at almost all events. At the JV2 level, developing interest in the sport and promoting skills and positive attitudes are critically important.		

TEAM SELECTION					
The four criteria below are the main areas upon which decisions are made when selecting team members.					
Skills & Talent	Attitude & Work Ethic	Potential	Team & Program Needs		



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### **PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES**

All practice and game logistical responsibilities are outlined in the player binders that are provided to the athletes at the first practice of the season.

The main mental/emotional responsibilities are:

- My academics, serious family events, and mental/emotional needs come first!
- Overall team success and skill development come before personal successes and accolades.
- I will communicate with coaches and teammates when I am in need of support, when I am struggling to follow team expectations, and when my teammates are not following team expectations.
- I will fight for my team!

### **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The coaching staff places a strong emphasis on communicating and behaving respectfully at all times. All Cedarburg families are EXPECTED to use respectful language and behavior toward all officials, players, coaches, and spectators! Our program will be known for being respectful and demonstrating good sportsmanship at all athletic events toward all

Parents play a large role in improving/maintaining a positive and successful program culture. Here are the ways that parents should support their daughter, the coaches, and the program:

personnel involved.

- Talking positively about players, coaches, and the program.
- Talking about team success more than individual performances & achievements.
- Encouraging your daughter to use positive communication about herself, her teammates, and her coaches.
- Encouraging your daughter to be mindful of her emotions.
- Encouraging your daughter to advocate for herself.
- Encouraging your daughter to maintain a positive, TEAM before ME mindset.

### **COACH RESPONSIBILITIES**

The coaching staff follows these intentions:

- I teach my players skills that will help them improve as athletes & succeed as adults
- I provide a balance of constructive feedback and positive reinforcement for all players
- I support athletic progress, academic achievements, & emotional well being
- I encourage self-reflection & mindfulness to improve overall program culture & success
- I encourage a TEAM before ME mentality
- I learn from and work with all coaches in the program to establish consistent coaching and strong collaboration
- I self-reflect on my actions, words, and body language to ensure that coaches and players can feed off of my positivity, confidence, and relentless pursuit for success
- I provide an equal amount of constructive criticism and positive feedback to all players
- I am mindful of my work stresses and personal stresses and manage these emotions when I enter practice or a game
- I communicate with players before, during, and after practices and games so that they feel confident in their understanding of what they are learning
- I want the program to be known for being respectful and successful



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### **PLAYER ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

When other teams in the program are playing in a weeknight match, players of the other teams in the program are expected to watch the competing team (if Varisty is playing, the JV1 and JV2 players are expected to watch the Varsity team and vice versa). If a player is struggling to keep up with academic demands (i.e. inconsistent homework turn-in, decreasing assessment performance) the player should advocate for themselves with their coach to discuss using this time to support their academic challenges. The player and coach(es) will engage in a detailed conversation about the academic difficulties so that the coaches can follow up with the player to check in on their academic performance (i.e. the class the challenges are occurring in, what homework/exams they are working on or preparing for, creating a plan for how to manage the academic demands while being on an athletics team). The goal is for the player and coach(es) to work together to ensure the academic success of the player, while also helping the player learn how to balance athletics and academics.

# PLAYER & COACH COMMUNICATION

All coaches must avoid group texts and texting with athletes. Each team/coach is expected to have an immediate form of communication to use with athletes outside of traditional texting

The Cedarburg Girls Volleyball program utilizes the GroupMe app for communication between coaches and players.

### **COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS**

If a player has a question or concern about the program culture, their role on the team, or any other matter, the PLAYER will:

- 1) Initiate communication with the coaches (if the matter cannot be resolved, then the PLAYER will....)
- 2) Talk to their parent about requesting a meeting with the coaching staff (if the matter cannot be resolved, then....)
- 3) A meeting with the coach, player, parent, and Athletic Director will be set up

A player may initiate Step 1 of this process 24 HOURS AFTER A GAME/EVENT.

(see CHS Athletics handbook for more details)



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### **VARSITY LETTER CRITERIA**

Varsity letters will be awarded to players who are on the Varsity roster for at least 50% of the practice and competition days of the Varsity season (or upon coach discretion for special circumstances).

### **CAPTAIN CRITERIA**

Captains are determined by player votes & coaches' discretion. There will be 2-3 captains per team, being chosen using the following criteria:

### 1. Energy Leader

This person leads the team with their high energy and positive communication. They consistently provide energy generating behaviors and keep the team focused on being our best in the present moment.

### 2. Action Leader

This person leads the team with their consistent play, effort, and coachability in practices and games. They consistently give their best effort and work hard to provide energy generating behaviors through their play.

### 3. Communication Leader

This person leads the team with their communication between players and coaches. They consistently ensure player accountability (following team expectations) and support conflict resolution between players and/or coaches.

ALL CAPTAINS HAVE A WE OVER ME MENTALITY

### **MISSED GAME & PRACTICE POLICY**

Player participation on the team <u>CAN</u> be reduced if the player has unexcused absences (must be at school for ½ of the school day to compete), poor grades, or unacceptable behavior in school or practices/events.

Player participation on their team <u>WILL NOT</u> be impacted if they miss practice or an event due to sickness, emotional/mental health needs, funerals, or other serious family events/circumstances (appropriate communication needs to occur with the school and the coaching staff to ensure the consistent use of this policy).

These decisions are made at the coach's discretion.



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### **STRENGTH & CONDITIONING EXPECTATIONS**

The Varsity, JV1, and JV2 teams will all participate in strength and conditioning training 2 days a week during the season.

Off-season and summer strength and conditioning training is offered through the CHS Athletics Department and is a direct extension of the training done during the season. The coaching staff recommends that athletes in the Cedarburg Girls Volleyball program participate in off-season and summer lifting through the CHS Athletics Department.

