

ST. WENCESLAUS VOLLEYBALL POLICY

The mission of the St. Wenceslaus Athletic Committee is to provide a positive experience while teaching the basics of the game of volleyball in a Christian atmosphere.

This Policy will be made available to all players and parents/guardians before committing to play on a St. Wenceslaus team. At least one of the player's parents/guardians will be required to agree to and affix an electronic signature verifying that they have read the policy and agree to abide by the policies of the Athletic Department and Volleyball Program.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All volleyball coaches (both head and assistant) need to be certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha as having completed the Safe Environment Training and having a background check completed prior to coaching at St. Wenceslaus. The St. Wenceslaus Volleyball Committee will be responsible for making sure that all coaches are certified.

Any clinic or camp attended by a team in an environment where a coach, staff member, or volunteer is not Safe Environment trained will need to have a Safe Environment trained coach or staff member in attendance at the entire clinic or camp in which the team is attending.

TEAM SELECTION

In order to play St. Wenceslaus Volleyball a player must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements set out by the PAL League
- Attend 5-day School or the St. Wenceslaus Catechetical program
- Be a member of St. Wenceslaus Parish and attend another Catholic school that does not have a PAL League.
- Meet all eligibility requirements set out by St. Wenceslaus School. If a student is deemed ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities due to grades or conduct, the student will not be allowed to attend or participate in practices or any other aspect of the activity until all requirements are met and the student is again deemed eligible.
- Complete an online volleyball registration form.
- Remit payment of the fee to the Volleyball Coordinator.
- **Fifth Grade:** Players are divided into equal teams which are chosen at random. No trading allowed.
- **Sixth Grade:** Try-outs will be held to determine team placement based on skill level. Grade 6 will have one competitive team and two equally divided recreational teams.
- **Grade 7 & 8:** Try-outs will be held to determine team placement based on skill level.
- Any player that does not attend the try-out sessions will be placed on a recreational team if a 6th grader or the lowest team if a 7th or 8th grader.

PRACTICES

- Practices are held in the St. Wenceslaus gym two times per week.
- Practices will be held Monday – Friday between 4:15 – 9:00 p.m. based on gym availability. Saturday and Sunday practices may be arranged based on gym availability.
- Practices will be no longer than one hour and 30 minutes.
- **No practices will be held after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.**
- All players should make a commitment to his/her team and teammates.
- By missing required practices he/she could see playing time reduced in league games.

PLAYING TIME

- Each volleyball match will consist of three games. The first two games are played to 25 and the third game to 15. **Every player, regardless of grade or skill level, should play a minimum of one of the first two games to 25. That is, one complete game to 25 points. No player may play the entire match.**

GAMES

- Games are scheduled by the PAL League and played in league gyms.
- Schedules are available Labor Day weekend and games begin the following Thursday.
- **No home games will be held on or in St. Wenceslaus facilities from 4:00 p.m. on Saturday until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

TOURNAMENTS

- All teams play in the PAL tournament at the conclusion of the regular season.

GRIEVANCES

- Grievances will first be addressed by the Chairperson of the sport involved. This Chairperson will then take the grievance to the Committee of that sport for resolution. If the issue cannot be resolved by that Committee, the Chairperson will take the issue to the President of the Athletic Committee. The President, at his/her discretion, will either contact all members by email or call a special meeting of the Athletic Committee to resolve the issue. The Athletic Committee will gather information, follow-up with the aggrieved party to allow for due process, make a decision and follow through with this decision. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.
- In the event that a grievance involves a coach who is also the Chairperson of that sport, the issue may be addressed directly with either the President or the Secretary of the Athletic Committee.

Volleyball Chairperson:	Ellen Powell	Phone Number: (402) 697-1008
Volleyball Asst. Chairperson:	Susan Heim	Phone Number: (402) 333-3650
Athletic Committee President:	Chris Pokorny	Phone Number: (402) 289-5098

EVALUATIONS

In order to improve the overall quality of coaching and the Volleyball program at St. Wenceslaus, evaluation forms will be available (via the website) to the parents/guardians of the participants at the conclusion of the season. We encourage these forms to be filled out. Responses will remain anonymous and we will make them available to the Athletic Committee and individual coaches.

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With my electronic signature, which I voluntarily affix to this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read the Volleyball Program policy, reviewed the policies with my child and we agree to abide by the policies as stated.

As a parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the minor listed below. I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Wenceslaus Parish, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with this activity, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child participating in this athletic activity or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents and chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which they may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/diocese.