



VanCity Cup 2025 Volleyball Tournament Code of Conduct

Introduction

The VanCity Cup 2025 Volleyball Tournament is committed to fostering an environment of **respect**, **sportsmanship**, and **positive team spirit**. This Code of Conduct applies to all participants, including athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, spectators, vendors, caterers, University of British Columbia (UBC) staff, and others involved in the event. All individuals are expected to uphold the principles of fair play, responsible behavior, and mutual respect throughout the duration of the tournament.

I. General Principles

All participants are expected to uphold the following core values:

- **Respect:** Treat all individuals with dignity, including teammates, opponents, referees, event staff, volunteers, and the public.
- **Sportsmanship:** Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times—before, during, and after games, regardless of outcome.
- **Fair Play:** Follow the rules of the game, respect decisions made by officials and maintain integrity on and off the court.
- **Positive Attitude:** Approach all practices and matches with enthusiasm and encourage teammates constructively.
- **Teamwork:** Support and collaborate with fellow team members to promote a healthy and united team culture.
- **Open Communication:** Engage in open, honest, and respectful communication with team captains and other team members.
- **Respect for Facilities:** Treat all areas of the UBC campus, including gyms, accommodations, food service areas, and public spaces, with care and respect.



II. Specific Responsibilities

A. Athletes

Athletes are expected to:

- Attend all scheduled games and notify captains in advance if unable to participate.
- Arrive early at the designated court, prepared to begin on time.
- Inform team captains of any medical concerns that may impact participation.
- Wear appropriate uniforms and use approved equipment.
- Refrain from using foul language or inappropriate gestures. Foul or aggressive language will not be tolerated.
- **Strictly avoid** the use of tobacco, vaping devices, shisha, cannabis, or similar substances anywhere on UBC property—including outdoor areas near doors or windows as well as in hotel rooms and all other venues on the University of British Columbia’s campus.
- **Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited** throughout the tournament.
- Accept and respect the decisions of officials without dispute.
- Maintain a clean, modest and presentable appearance.
- Direct any concerns or complaints during matches through the team captain, who will liaise with officials.

B. Coaches / Captains

Coaches and team captains are expected to:

- **Never** promote or distribute drugs, performance-enhancing substances, alcohol, or cannabis.
- Always dress professionally and presentably.
- Model respectful and sportsmanlike behavior.
- Ensure compliance with all tournament rules, including attire and equipment standards.
- Ensure their team is present and prepared ahead of scheduled game times.
- Encourage respectful conduct among players and address inappropriate behavior promptly.



- Accept the authority of referees and tournament officials.
- Channel on-court concerns respectfully through the team captain to the referee.

C. Parents and Spectators

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- Demonstrate and encourage respectful and positive behavior from their children.
- Cheer in a constructive and sportsmanlike manner for all players.
- Respect the authority of referees and tournament organizers.
- Avoid the use of profanity, derogatory language, or aggressive behavior.
- Refrain from physical confrontation of any kind.
- Treat all individuals—including players, coaches, referees, staff, and fellow spectators—with courtesy and respect.
- Refrain from public criticism of referees or tournament organizers.
- Ladies are requested to observe Hijab (Islamic attire), when entering the War Memorial Gym for meals, to with charities, or for any other reasons, including viewing the men's games in the War Memorial Gym.
- Ladies are requested to observe Hijab (Islamic attire), when attending the Closing Ceremonies dinner at the AMS Nest, Great Hall on Sunday May 25th.
- Men are requested not to wear shorts when attending the Closing Ceremonies dinner.

Enforcement and Compliance

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to warnings, removal from the premises, disqualification from the tournament, and reporting to appropriate authorities. The VanCity Cup Organizing Committee reserves the right to enforce the code at its discretion in partnership with UBC security and local RCMP if necessary.

Acknowledgment

By participating in the VanCity Cup 2025 Volleyball Tournament, all parties agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and support a safe, respectful, and enjoyable sporting environment.