



# Letter of Commitment

## 2019-2020 Junior Season

The purpose and intent of this official document is to establish a binding agreement between a junior volleyball player and a member club of the Carolina Region for the duration of the current USAV Indoor competitive season (the indoor season ends at the 2020 USAV Junior National Championships regardless of whether a team/player/club continues to play through that event). Signed letters of commitment will be kept on file by clubs, and serve as official documentation of affiliation. This document **SHOULD NOT** be sent to the Carolina Region by individuals or clubs unless requested by the Region!

### CLUB - By signing this document, the Club Representative agrees to the following:

- Club Signatures Required Prior to Submission.** This document must be signed and dated by the Club director or representative before submission to parents/guardians and student-athlete for signatures.
- Club Responsibilities:** Should the Club fail to provide a minimum level of services, establish a safe practice and competitive environment, provide competent and certified coaching, or fail to meet the specifics of any agreement signed between player and club, the player has the right to petition the Carolina Region for relief from this agreement through the Region appeal process.

### PLAYER - By signing this *Letter of Commitment* I understand and agree to the following:

**Parent/Guardian Signature Required.** A parent or legal guardian is required to sign this *Letter of Commitment* if the student-athlete is less than 18 years of age at the time of signing.

- Commitment.** I understand that once I sign and submit this document to a club representative that I shall not attend any other club's tryouts. If any other clubs contact me about participating with their club during the USAV season, I may choose to notify them that I have signed a "letter of commitment" and have committed to a club for the 2020 USAV indoor season (through July 4, 2020). All other clubs are obligated to respect my signing once they know I have signed a *Letter of Commitment*. I have the right to ask other clubs not to contact me once I have submitted a *Letter of Commitment*.
- Binding Agreement.** I understand that I have signed this *Letter of Commitment* with the club listed below and not with a particular individual. If a coach or any player(s) leave(s) the team, I remain bound to the club by the provisions of this document.
- Nullification of Other Agreements.** My signature on this *Letter of Commitment* nullifies any agreements, verbal or otherwise, which would release me from the condition stated within this document.
- Release from Commitment.** I understand that I may request release from this commitment. I further understand that the club named herein is under no obligation to release me, even if I do not sign a contract to play with that club. I understand I cannot commit to, or play with, another club unless and until I have received a commitment release in writing from the club named below and approval from the Carolina Region. Even with a release from the club, all transfers to other clubs must be approved by the Carolina Region and are not guaranteed once an athlete participates in a tournament.
- Appeals.** I understand that I may appeal the terms of this agreement via the Carolina Region appeals process.

### By signing this *Letter of Commitment*, I acknowledge the following penalties should I break this agreement:

- Basic penalty:** I understand that by signing this letter I am committed to joining the club named within this document for the entire 2019-2020 season. If I compete with another club, I will be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season.
- Early Signing Penalty:** While offers to play may be extended at any time during the tryout period, a club representative may not require a player to sign before the established Carolina Region signing dates (**Oct 31 for 14s and under and younger; Nov 14 for 15s-18s**). A player who signs a *Letter of Commitment* prior to the established Carolina Region tryout period (**Oct 26 for 14 and under and younger; Nov 10 for 15s-18s**) may be subject to suspension for the entire season.
- Falsification of Letter of Commitment:** If I falsify any part of this Letter of Commitment, including the date, I understand that I am subject to suspension for the entire 2019-2020 USA Volleyball season.

**Certification:** By my signature, I certify that I have read all terms and conditions in this document. I have discussed them with the club representative named within, and fully understand, accept, and agree to be bound by them.

This is to certify my decision to join (name of club): \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: Stephania McKee Date: \_\_\_\_\_