



## **Playing Time Parameters 13 Blue**

Playing time issues often have a major impact on a player's volleyball experience. Virginia Elite is committed to developing each player to the limits of her desire and potential.

We seek players who want to play. Playing at tournaments is the payoff for hard work at practice and at home. Parents don't come to tournaments and pay club fees to watch their daughter sit on the bench. At the same time everyone wants to be on a winning team and we seek to develop players. In order to balance these interests and to ensure clarity and accountability, the Club has established parameters for playing time at each age level.

The following parameters apply:

1. Coaches will endeavor to provide equitable playing time for every player in every match. All players will play in every tournament if they have demonstrated that they have a desire to play through hard work at practice, and are eligible to play.
2. In order to be eligible to play in a tournament a player must:
  - a. Attend practice regularly. Absences must be excused by parents and should be based on illness or academic considerations.
  - b. Abide by the player Code of Conduct.
  - c. Demonstrates the effort expected of a Virginia Elite player during all practices and competitions.
  - d. Demonstrate respect for coaches, officials, opponents (sportsmanship), and teammates.
  - e. Be current in payment of player fees.
  - f. Be on time to tournament and to matches.
3. A head coach has the discretion to bench a player for the remaining day of any given competition for behavior unbecoming to themselves, their team, or Virginia Elite.
4. All our players require and deserve ample playing time during both practices and tournament competition at their respective position to develop in the sport sufficiently to reach their next level of development and to get the most enjoyment out of their experience with Virginia Elite. However, knowing that the pace of skill development differs from player to player, a player can expect either an increase or reduction in playing time as the season progresses, based on performance.