

# Olympia School District

## VOLLEYBALL ----- SAFETY GUIDELINES

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**Prior to participating, both the student and parent must read carefully and sign.**

When a person is involved in any athletic activity, an injury can occur. One should be aware the information presented in these safety guidelines is to inform the athlete of proper techniques and inherent dangers involved with volleyball. There is a chance of broken bones, muscle and soft tissue and back injuries, which could lead to some form of paralysis. Not all potential injury possibilities in this sport are listed, but athletes should be aware that fundamentals, coaching and proper safety equipment are important to the safety and enjoyment of the sport.

1. Proper warm-up is essential before strenuous activity takes place. Be aware of the potentially serious injuries if you do not follow correct procedures in stretching, and conditioning.
2. Wear kneepads and all protective equipment as directed by the coach.
3. If you wear eyeglasses, contact the coach for proper fitting of safety lenses, appropriate frames that are compatible with volleyball. If you have a bi or tri-focal lens, contact your doctor to provide the best len(s) combination for playing in a game requiring quick reaction to an object (ball) traveling at a very rapid speed.
4. Perform only those skills and techniques as instructed and/or supervised by your coach.
5. Be sure all equipment, especially shoes, is fitting properly before each day's activity.
6. Travel to and from off-campus facilities and practice/competition sites must be in accordance with school procedures.
7. Remove all jewelry and metal hair fasteners and other body adornments as required by rules and regulations for volleyball.
8. Be aware of your surroundings both home and away including but not limited to surface conditions, obstructions in the proximity to the volleyball court including nets, cables, supports official's stands, out-of-play areas and safe entrance/egress to/from the court.
9. Wear outer and under garments appropriate for humidity and temperature.
11. In order to help protect the safety of all squad members, squad members with physically limiting injuries and/or health conditions must inform the coach prior to each day's activity of limiting conditions and participate only to the extent allowed by the coach.
12. Players should hydrate themselves frequently during practice and meets and follow the coaches' direction on hydration prior to and following practices and meets.
13. Notify the coach immediately if injured.
14. Practice only when your coach is present.
15. Collect all loose volleyballs and return them to the proper container or location so they do not create a trip and fall hazard.
16. Jumping vertically helps avoid collisions with opponents, teammates and nets.
17. Spike the ball with the correct techniques taught by your coach.

The above information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules, safety regulations/warnings and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in the volleyball program.

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Student Name (Print)

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Students Signature

Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date