

# Marietta Volleyball 2014 – PLAYER CONTRACT

**Player Fees for the 2014 season are \$300!**

## I. Selection of Squads

- A. The varsity girls volleyball team will consist of 9-14 players. We will evaluate and provide players of any grade level the opportunity to make the varsity squad. Any senior who does not make the varsity squad will automatically be cut from the program (seniors cannot play JV).
- B. The junior varsity girls volleyball team will consist of 9-14 players. Coaches will select the junior varsity team from the pool of players remaining after the varsity squad is determined.
- C. Throughout the season, players may move from one roster to the other depending upon performance and program needs. Each player should strive for the ultimate goal to perform at the varsity level.
- D. Transition Players may be used during the season. Transition players will train daily with the Varsity team and play each JV game (unless otherwise instructed by the coaching staff). These players will be invited to dress/play with the Varsity team on a game by game basis and will letter as a Varsity player once they have appeared in a 14<sup>th</sup> playdate.

**\*Making a team the previous season does not guarantee one's place during the current season\***

## II. Attendance and Practices

- A. Attendance is mandatory at **ALL** team functions (practices, games, team building, etc.)
  1. The **ONLY** situations constituting an excused absence are a death in the family, sickness/injury, or a college visit. In ALL cases documentation or proof must be required. (ex. Note on college letterhead or doctor's note)
    - a. Absence must be communicated to a coach by **the player**.
      - i. **DO NOT** ask a friend/teammate/parent to tell a coach.
  2. We will **NOT** excuse job-related absences.
  3. Attendance consequences:
    - a. unexcused absence = sit the next game, 2 extra conditioning sessions (after the next practice)
    - b. 3 unexcused absences = removal from the program
    - c. Excused absences may affect the player's playing time due to missed instruction during practice. This will be left to the coach's discretion.

***Absence or Tardiness for Academic Purposes must be communicated to the Coaching Staff in advance and will be managed on an individual situation basis.***

- B. If injured, you must **STILL** attend practices and assist in any manner possible.
- C. You must attend each practice to its entirety. If you leave a practice early, tardiness consequences outlined below (in reverse order) will apply.
- D. Unexcused Tardiness consequences for practice:
  1. 0-19 minutes late = 1 extra conditioning session
  2. 20-45 minutes late = sit one half of the next match
  3. more than 45 minutes late = sit the next game
- E. You are expected to dress in uniform for all practices.
  1. All players will be provided with 2 practice shirts, knee pads, spandex and shoes. Players will wear grey practice shirts on

Monday/Wednesday/Friday and navy practice shirts on Tuesday/Thursday. Only **black** or **navy** spandex will be allowed at practice.

2. Practice Uniform Consequences-
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> offense- extra conditioning session for the team
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- the player will be asked to leave practice and will complete an additional conditioning session upon their return.
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense- all of the above plus 1 game suspension.
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> offense- removal from the team.

**WE PRACTICE THE WAY WE PLAY. WE WILL ALWAYS LOOK LIKE A TEAM, ACT LIKE A TEAM AND PLAY LIKE A TEAM!**

### **III. Game Day Expectations**

- A. All players are expected to dress accordingly to school on game day (team spiritwear or dress clothes as designated by captains). The only exception will be satisfying academic requirements/obligations (i.e. school presentations, etc.) This must be communicated to the coach and team BEFORE game day. Any player who neglects to dress as designated for the school day will sit one half for the game that day.
- B. All players are expected to arrive on time for pre-game activities or for the bus departure of away games. Any player who is late risks loss of playing time or the opportunity to travel as busses WILL NOT wait for late players.
  - If it is an emergency such as car trouble, etc. text or call a Coach immediately.
- C. All players MUST ride the bus home from away games unless riding with THEIR parent. It is acceptable to ride home with another athlete's parents if the athlete brings a signed note from home.
  - Coaches MUST SEE parent in order to release player(s) to ride with them.
- D. All players are expected to bring the ALL pieces of their uniform to games. Players will NOT play if they are missing parts of their uniform. Their uniform includes: BOTH uniforms, spandex shorts, knee pads, and shoes.
- E. We expect excellence in behavior during matches, which includes:
  1. Maintain a positive attitude about the team and its performance.
  2. Maintain a clean area around the bench and stay seated, unless checking in as a substitute. YES, it is okay to cheer! In fact, it is highly encouraged!!!
- F. Our team is expected to present itself with the utmost display of sportsmanship. Any player who taunts an opposing team or talks inappropriately to a referee will sit the rest of the match and the following match. Depending on the severity, the player may be dismissed from the team.

### **IV. Code of Ethics**

- A. We expect each team member to represent the program with the utmost class and excellence of character. This includes serving as a leader in school by setting a good example at all times. Any complaints from teachers or administrators about a player will result in extra conditioning determined on a case-by-case basis.

- B. There is a zero tolerance policy for disrespect of coaches which includes profanity, refusal to comply with rules, or any other means of insolence. As a result of disrespect towards coaches the player will be removed from the team.
- C. Any suspended student (in-school or out-of-school) will sit the next match and complete extra conditioning at each practice until they play again in a match.
- D. Second suspension in the season = dismissal from the program
- E. Any player discovered to have participated in drug or alcohol use will be dismissed from the program.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COACHING STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE A PLAYER FROM THE TEAM AT ANY TIME IF THE PLAYER IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE PROGRAM.\*\***

## **V. Playing Time**

- A. Playing time is designated by the Coaching Staff based on performance and skill displayed in the training environment.
- B. No player is guaranteed playing time. Playing time is not given but earned.
- C. The coaching staff **WILL NOT** discuss playing time with parents at any time.
  - An expectation of maturity and self-advocating by our players suggests that each player take ownership of their individual role within the team dynamic.
  - Opportunities in a practice environment will offer players a chance to challenge for positions as the season progresses.

## **VI. Player Expectations**

- A. Give 110% at all times!
- B. Be a team player. Support all members of your team as we are all working towards the same goal.
- C. Be self-accountable. It is **YOUR** job to communicate with the coaching staff if questions or concerns arise throughout the season.
- D. Be a STUDENT athlete. Keep up with your grades and assignments.

## **VII. Parent Expectations**

- A. Parents are there to support their child as well as the rest of the team.
- B. Parents will be respectful to all players, opponents, coaches and referees.

**PLAYERS PLAY, COACHES COACH AND PARENTS SUPPORT!**

**Please remove the following Parent/Player Signature Page.**

**Sign it. Date it.**

**Return it to a coach on the next calendar day.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print player's name), have read the Marietta High School Volleyball Contract and understand and agree to abide by its rules and regulations as a program member for the 2014 season.

By signing this document, I accept that discipline decisions made by the coaching staff will be fair and consistent even if it means removal from the program. I understand the coaches' decisions are final with no appeal process.

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Player Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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