

Henry Clay H.S. Volleyball Team Member Contract 2011

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Be on time for all team functions. (i.e. practices, scrimmages, games, meetings, etc...)

- **If you know you are going to be late or miss practice** (or any team function), you must let me know by calling me or one of our assistant coaches. If you are unable to let me know beforehand for some reason; **you must contact me** with your excuse before the next practice or **within 24 hours**, whichever is shorter. Unexcused absences could have an adverse impact on your playing time and/or role with this team. Absences (excused and unexcused) will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Just remember even excused absences could influence your playing time. **Definition of on-time is dressed and ready to go when the coach calls for “corner up”. So get there 10-15 minutes early.**

This is a team sport. Once you are on team time, class distinctions do not mean as much as they might off the court. **All players** should be **treated with equal respect** for their role on the team. Don't take this respect for granted (respect is earned) and don't abuse this respect when it is given to you. We will play the best team players (does not necessarily mean the best individual players), and we don't look to see if it is a senior or a freshmen when I put a player out on the court.

Always practice hard for yourself and your teammates and always incorporate what the coach's tell you.

- Each part of practice has a purpose and should be performed correctly with enthusiasm and intensity.
- Always be a positive part of each drill whether you're participating, shagging, tossing, or whatever.
- Always show good sportsmanship with your teammates, our opponents, and officials.

Please leave all egos outside the gym. We have no superstars on this team. If this team wants to achieve high goals, we will have to play as a team with all the players performing their roles. Players must support each other even when it might mean cheering a teammate on that is playing a position you feel you should be at. **The TEAM comes first!**

In addition the player must: Adhere to all school rules regarding conduct and eligibility requirements. **I also reserve the right to list other rules at a later date if needed.**

By not performing up to the standards discussed above both on and off the court, your position on this team could be jeopardized (reduced playing time, sitting out matches, or even dismissal from the team). If you do not feel comfortable with our definitions of what it takes to be a TEAM player on this team, please reconsider your decision to participate on this team. Please remember to follow the proper communication steps if you do have concerns, comments, and/or issues. (as outlined in handout on parent/player/coach roles and communication policy). Thanks and let's have a fun and successful season.

The undersigned understands the rules and expectations set herein (this form and all other applicable handouts):

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