

DEFINITIONS

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- a) “Athlete” means a player on a SKY volleyball team.
- b) “Family” means a group consisting of Parents and Athletes living together in a household.
- c) “Members” – All individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, SKY including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, coordinators, judges, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, Parents, directors, and officers of SKY.
- d) “Parent” means the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the Athlete.
- e) “SKY” means SKY Volleyball Club
- f) “Fair Play Rule” as defined in the latest VBC Handbook. [Volleyball-BC-2020-Club-Appendix-B-Rationales.pdf \(volleyballbc.org\)](#) Please refer to the latest VBC Handbook for the latest rules.

PURPOSE

SKY’s philosophy is to provide as many athletes as possible the opportunity to compete and participate in the sport of volleyball. SKY teams will compete and train at the highest appropriate developmental level possible, to ensure that our teams are continually being challenged and growing. SKY and the coaching staff will determine the abilities and level of play for each team. During Volleyball BC, Volleyball Canada, Provincial and National events, SKY will compete to place as high as possible.

APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

Below are the guidelines SKY coaches use to facilitate the distribution of playing time. Coaches will have final decision-making in all playing time situations. These are only guidelines. A few other factors may also contribute to playing time decisions, including but not limited to:

1. Commitment Level. Athletes are expected to be committed to attending all practices and competitions. Athletes should demonstrate a strong work ethic, growth mindset, positive attitude, team cohesion, and coachability.
2. Skill Development. All athletes develop at different paces and while most skill growth happens at practice; coaches shall attempt to match the skill level of the opponent when possible. All players should have a role on a team and contribute to the best of their abilities, however, coaches will make final decisions on court time.

12-14U AGE GROUPS

3. Playing time will follow the Fair Play Rule developed by Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC for the entire club season.

15-18U AGE GROUPS

4. Playing time will look to follow the recommendations developed by Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC around fair play during exhibition matches, and the round robin of all non-provincial ranking and seeding events. However, playing time during the playoffs at these events will be at the discretion of the coaching staff, and may not be equal. There are also situations where coaches will be exploring lineups, rotations etc. Coaches have final discretion regarding playing time choices and will manage the roster as they deem necessary.
5. Playing time will be at the coach's discretion during all Volleyball BC Events, Provincial Ranking Tournaments, Provincial Championships and National Championships.