



**2020/2021**

## Parent Handbook of Club Rules and Regulations

Parent / Guardian(s) Names \_\_\_\_\_

I, as the parent, have read and understand the try-out guidelines, the KRVA recruiting process and the Surge Volleyball Club Rules and Regulations. My signature on this form shows my commitment and agreement to follow the Surge Volleyball Club rules for the 2020/2021 club season. I am also aware of the rules of the KRVA and understand I cannot play for another USA or AAU volleyball club during the 2020/2021 season without the consent of the Surge Volleyball Club Director and the KRVA and AAU offices. The 2020/2021 club season will conclude after the Girls and Boys Junior Olympic National Championships. Updates to these policies will be published to our website and notification will be sent to all parents to review these changes/updates.

I, as the parent, understand and agree to the Club's policies, fundraising requirements, and concession stand requirements covered in this Parent Handbook of Club Rules and Regulations.

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising Option: [ 1 or 2 ] (circle one) [ \_\_\_\_\_ ].... See "Fundraising" on page 9  
(Parent Signature)

Parent / Guardian(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SURGE VOLLEYBALL CLUB WILL KEEP A COPY OF THIS SIGNED DOCUMENT ON FILE



**2020/2021 Photo Release Waiver  
Authorization and Release**

I hereby grant permission to Surge Volleyball Club to photograph my image, likeness, or depiction and/or that of my minor children. I hereby grant permission to Surge Volleyball Club to edit, crop, or retouch such photographs, and waive any right to inspect the final photographs. I hereby consent to and permit photographs of me and/or those of my minor children to be used by Surge Volleyball Club worldwide for any purpose, including educational and advertisement purposes, and in any medium, including print and electronic. I understand that Surge Volleyball Club may use such photographs with or without associating names thereto. I further waive any claim for compensation of any kind for Surge Volleyball Club's use or publication of photographs of me and/or those of my minor

I hereby fully and forever discharge and release Surge Volleyball Club and its affiliates, officers or members from any claim for damages of any kind (including, but not limited to, invasion of privacy; defamation; false light or misappropriation of name, likeness or image) arising out of the use or publication of photographs of me and/or those of my minor children by Surge Volleyball Club and covenant and agree not to sue or otherwise initiate legal proceedings against Surge Volleyball Club for such use or publication on my own behalf or on behalf of my minor children. All grants of permission and consent, and all covenants, agreements and understandings contained herein are irrevocable. I acknowledge and represent that I am over the age of 18, have read this entire document, that I understand its terms and provisions, and that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily on behalf of myself and/or my minor children.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Minor Child

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Print Name of Minor Child

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**PARENT - CODE OF CONDUCT**

**TIME & FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:**

I commit to the team’s practice and tournament schedule, to provide all logistical and financial support for my child to attend all practices, local and travel tournaments. \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 1) \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 2)

I have read and agree to Surge Volleyball’s fees as outlined in the parent handbook. I understand and agree that all tryout fees, registration fees, commitment fees and fundraising responsibilities must be met in accordance to the dates outlined in the parent handbook. \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 1) \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 2)

I have read and agree to the club’s travel policies and will act promptly on hotel scheduling requests and travel arrangements. I understand my child is required to stay in the team hotel at all times at my expense. I understand that if my player does not stay in the team hotel, she will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 1) \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 2)

I have read the club’s uniform policy and understand that players must try on samples, and that any replacement uniforms due to wrong size, loss or wear and tear will be paid for by the player. \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 1) \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 2)

**CONDUCT:**

I will conduct myself with appropriate sportsmanship at all events. I will not coach players from the sidelines or interfere in any way with the coach-player relationship during tournaments or practice. I understand the failure to comply with this may result in expulsion from practice and/or tournaments. \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 1) \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 2)

**POST SEASON COMMITMENT:**

I hereby understand that by committing to allow my child to play for Surge Volleyball on a 14U to 17U Open team, I am hereunto committing to attend USAV Nationals if my child’s team qualifies for the GJNC or Junior Girls AAU Nationals if my team earns their entry. I understand that these events are post season events and will commit to attend and all additional costs associated with these post season events as outlined in the parent handbook. \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 1) \_\_\_\_\_(Int Guardian 2)

I, \_\_\_\_\_(Print Guardian 1) and \_\_\_\_\_(Print Guardian 2) of

\_\_\_\_\_ (Player Name) have read and understand both the parent and player handbooks posted on the Surge website and hereby understand and fully commit to what is expected of me as a parent/guardian with a Surge Volleyball Club player. I understand that failure to comply with the Parent and player handbooks will result in a loss of practice time and playing time for my child and/or immediate removal/suspension from the team without a refund.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian 1 Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian 2 Signature Date

**About our Club:** Surge Volleyball Club (“SVC” or “Club”) is an organization serving Berks and Lancaster Counties and surrounding areas under the Keystone Regional Volleyball Association (KRVA) and governed by USA Volleyball, the sanctioning body for amateur volleyball in the United States and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). We are not sponsored by or affiliated with any school district.

**Our Mission:** This organization’s mission is to provide a competitive club that builds a strong foundation of fundamental skills, techniques and strategies in our athletes while building their love for the game of volleyball. Surge Volleyball Club currently welcomes junior male and female athletes ages 10-18 as well as adults 18+.

**Coaches:** Our dedicated coaching staff is comprised of experienced volunteers who have been associated with the game of volleyball for many years. They are required to provide instruction that is appropriate based on our athlete’s age and ability. We stress team spirit and sportsmanship while instilling the desire to win. Each team will be assigned a head coach, assistant coach and a parent volunteer for the 2020/2021 club season.

**Age requirements:** The various 2020/2021 age group breakdown are as follows:  
Once a player participates (including, but not limited to, practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any regional and national programming, which includes, but is not limited to, national GJNC qualifying and championship events.

- 18 and Under Division (18U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 or players who were born on or after July 1, 2001 and are a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year
- 17 and Under Division(17U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003
- 16 and Under Division (16U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004
- 15 and Under Division (15U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005
- 14 and Under Division (14U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006
- 13 and Under Division (13U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007
- 12 and Under Division (12U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008
- 11 and Under Division (11U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009
- 10 and Under Division (10U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010
- 9 and Under Division (9U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011
- 8 and Under Division (8U): Players who were born on or after July 1, 2012

### **BOYS’ WAIVERED PLAYERS**

Regionally waived boys’ teams in the 12, 13, and 14, and under will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior National Championships using the following age/grade definition:

#### 14 & Under Waiver

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7’4 1/8” to 7’ 11 5/8” between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)

#### 13 & under Waiver

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year.

### 12 & Under Waiver

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7' to 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 12 and Under Division to the 13 and Under Division.)

Note: These age definitions are used by domestic club programs and are NOT the same as the age definitions for the International and Domestic High Performance programs for 2020/2021.

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The Age Definition Policy was most recently revised by the USA Volleyball Board of Directors on January 19, 2002. The classification cut-off date of July 1 was reviewed by the USAV Junior Assembly and the USA Regional Volleyball Association Assembly prior and during to the USAV 2016 Annual Meetings and research justified the continuation of the cut-off date of July 1.

### **Early Offers:**

Early offers are an early commitment to compete with our club for the upcoming season. Because of a player's continued support of our organization and early commitment by accepting our Early Offer, they will afford themselves an opportunity that others will not have. Here are some things that they receive for accepting our early offer:

- Peace of mind. The player is guaranteed a spot on a team of equal level or better (club or open) as their team from the previous season.
- The ability to pay the club registration fee over multiple payments rather than all at once. This will be a huge help for some families, as it avoids that big price to be paid just before the holidays. Payments will be due on the last day of the month starting in August 2020 with the final payment due at the parent meeting on November 23, 2020. The option to pay upfront is still available and can be paid anytime up to the mandatory parent meeting. Payment forms are due with the initial payment on August 31, 2020. Paypal can be used to make payments but will incur a charge of an additional 3.5% of the amount sent for each payment. Venmo @surgevbc may be used with no additional fee.
- Surge will host Free open play for those who accepted our early offer throughout the month of September, October and November. Schedules will be posted on our website and updated frequently.

Early offers are sent out between July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> for players who were members of SVC during the entire 2019/20 club season. By accepting the offer via email within 48 hours, the player is committed to Surge Volleyball Club for the entirety of the 2019/20 club season. Offers are at the discretion of Surge Volleyball Club and Surge Volleyball Club is not required to extend early offers to players.

The club and player/parents are bound by the details of the offer letter (email) and may not be released from the agreement until the end of the season. To register for the season, players who have accepted an early offer will still follow the process outlined here:

- Obtain a KRVA Tryout Membership, available on September 1, 2020
- Affiliate with Surge Volleyball Club when renewing the Tryout Membership
- Upgrade to Full Membership, available December 1, 2020
- Re-affiliate with Club when upgrading

Please remember that once you accept an early offer, you are committed to your current club and are NOT permitted to attend tryouts for another club.

**Tryouts:** All players must register with KRVA at [www.krva.org](http://www.krva.org) to participate in tryouts. Players trying out for the club should choose the \$15 membership option (non-refundable) on the KRVA website when initially filling out the form and select "UNDECIDED" as their club affiliation. Players are required to bring their printed USA Volleyball Membership receipt and completed Medical Release Form to Surge Volleyball Club Tryouts. Players who receive and accept an offer to play with our club will need to upgrade to a full membership for an additional \$40.00. The total membership fee for KRVA is \$55.00 annually. Surge Volleyball Club will submit a roster of players for all teams to KRVA once confirmed at which point, the remaining \$40 must be paid to Surge.

All players must be accompanied to tryouts by a parent or an adult over the age of 18. There is a \$50 non-refundable tryout fee, if registered and paid in advance. The registration fee for walk-ins is \$70. Checks can be made payable to Surge Volleyball Club. There will be a \$40 fee for checks returned due to insufficient funds.

**Team Selection:** Surge Volleyball Club would like to have every player make a team but that is not always feasible. Our Club holds tryouts so we can select athletes based on their skills, potential, positive attitude, coachability and the availability of coaching staff. All of our athletes are chosen by following the KRVA Recruiting and Tryout Guidelines, which can be found on the KRVA website at [www.krva.org](http://www.krva.org).

If they are chosen for a team, players will be notified via email on the Monday following tryouts. The offer to be on a team must be accepted or declined by the player or parent within 48 hours of the email's time stamp, as per KRVA rules. Accepted offers must be accepted by emailing [offers@krva.org](mailto:offers@krva.org) and copying Surge Volleyball at [surge@surgevolleyball.org](mailto:surge@surgevolleyball.org). Players must then go to [www.krva.org](http://www.krva.org) and click on the Webpoint registration site, log into their account and affiliate themselves with Surge Volleyball Club.

Athletes may be selected to play on a team above their age group but may not play on a team that is below their age group. USA volleyball no longer provides waivers for players to play an age group lower. All offers are binding as outlined in KRVA and will remain in effect until the end of the 2020/2021 Club season on August 31, 2021.

SVC Club-level teams are made up of 8 to 12 athletes and Open-level teams are made up of 9 to 12 athletes. SVC may move an athlete from one team to another or offer an athlete an opportunity to play with another team in the club for certain tournaments, if needed by our coaching staff. Players must be playing on the same level as the team they are moving to (i.e. a player on a 14 Club team can play on another 14 or 15 club team but not a 14 or 15 Open team). Reasons for moving an athlete include, but are not limited to, loss of another athlete due to injury, position on a team, skill level, or missing athletes for tournaments.

**Practice:** Practices will begin soon after Surge Volleyball Club teams are selected. Keep checking the website [www.SurgeVolleyball.org](http://www.SurgeVolleyball.org) for a schedule. Players are expected to be at every practice scheduled unless they contact their coach in advance or are already excused. Our coaches may refuse to play an athlete in a tournament if that athlete has been absent from the prior practice without a legitimate excuse. Players need to notify their Coach as soon as possible about any conflicts. **Communication with your coach is key.**

**Tournaments:** Tournaments are typically held on Saturday or Sunday and sometimes Monday. They start as early as November and continue through March for boys. Girls tournaments start in January and continue through May. A tournament schedule will be posted on the Surge Volleyball Club's website. Many of the local tournaments are within a 70-mile radius from Reading. Tournaments usually start at 8:00am and can go as late as 8:00pm or later, if our teams make the playoffs. Be sure that your athletes get plenty of rest the night before. Athletes must be prepared to leave very early in the morning and be out very late on those nights the team is in the playoffs. In cases where our Club is participating in a multi-day tournament, you may need to stay the night before the tournament because of the distance needed to travel. SVC would like to send as many of its teams (at different age groups) to the same tournament, whenever possible.

There is no limitation on the distance or number of tournaments a team can participate in. Travel expenses are the responsibility of each player's family including, but not limited to, hotel, transportation, and food. If a team selects more tournaments than allocated by the registration fee, each member will split the cost plus an additional \$50 administrative fee, due prior to attending the event. Players can elect to not participate in additional events. Their portion of the additional fee will be split among the participating members of the team.

Postseason events at AAU Nationals and USAV (GJNC) take place during the months of June and July. As the parent or guardian of a player on a Surge Volleyball team, you are committing to attend USAV Nationals if your child's team qualifies by earning a BID for the GJNC in the location in which it is held or Junior Girls AAU Nationals in Orlando Florida, if your child's team earns their entry. You understand that these events are post season events and commit to attend with your child's team, and incur the additional costs associated with these postseason events, as outlined on the USA Volleyball and the AAU Volleyball websites.

If your daughter plays for a SVC 15 Black, 16 Black, 17 Black or 18 Black team, you are making a commitment to attend a postseason national tournament, either to AAU or USAV Nationals. This commitment is guaranteed with a \$200 nationals deposit, due December 31, 2020. The \$200 will be used toward entry into the tournament. If the team earns their way through a BID or Entry tournament, the deposit will be returned to offset the cost of travel, upon return from Nationals. Players declining to attend after paying the \$200 deposit will forfeit their deposit.

AAU Nationals is an open tournament allowing any team to register. Any team that does not earn their way will decide by March 1, 2021 if they wish to attend AAU Nationals. All money will be distributed accordingly, upon a decision being made.

All Costs are estimates for one traveler and are subject to change:

Item	AAU Orlando, FL	USAV Detroit, MI
Tournament Registration	\$1000 (covered if earned)	\$1000 (covered if earned)
Travel	\$300	\$300
Hotel	\$220	\$150
Food	\$150	\$150
Total	\$670/traveler	\$600/traveler

**Playing Time:** Our Coaching Staff will make every effort to offer FAIR playing time amongst our athletes, but there is NO GUARANTEE of equal playing time. There are limited positions on each team and players each have their own skill set. The only possible way to offer equal playing time is to carry 12 players, substitute the same players out for each other for the same positions, and only allow each player to play 3 rotations. Coaches will make the final decisions on the starting line-up, positions, and playing time in the best interest of their team. During tournaments our coaches will make a conscious effort to play every athlete who has attended practices, is not sick or injured, and is not displaying an attitude or a behavior issue. During playoffs, it is the coach's discretion to play those athletes who may advance the team further.

## Tardiness Guidelines for coaches to use:

### Tournaments:

Time frame	Immediate Action	Follow-up Action
5 Minute Grace Period Given		
5 to 10 minutes late	1 <sup>st</sup> Set suspension	No Administrator Meeting
10 to 20 minutes late	1 <sup>st</sup> Match suspension	Administrator Meeting
20 to 30 minutes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Match suspension	Club Director Meeting
30 to 60 minutes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Match suspension	Administrator Board Meeting
over 60 minutes	Whole tournament suspension	Administrator Board Action

### Practices:

Players must always warm up & stretch before practice regardless of what activities they were doing before walking into the gym. We do not want anyone getting hurt because of improper warmups!

Punishment for each minute late, after warm-ups (example of punishment: 5 burpees & 1 lap)

NO grace period for practices – this is a regular event that all of us know the routes for. If there is traffic, plan accordingly!

**Traffic is not an acceptable excuse unless multiple people are affected (late).**

Due to a number of players having unexcused absences and being late to events throughout all of our teams, we want to make it clear to parents how this will affect your daughter's playing time. Calling the coach the day of a tournament, scrimmage, play day, etc. and telling them that you have another commitment, or are going to attend another event instead, is not an acceptable excuse. Immediate expulsion from the team without refund is a possible result.

Surge Volleyball Club wants to do everything it can to provide as much playing time to each of our athletes. When someone takes advantage of their team by not attending or attending late, it is not fair to the other players who arrive early and do not receive extra playing time for arriving early. This outline is to be used as a guide for coaches and to inform parents and players upfront of possible consequences.

**Injuries or Prolonged Illness:** USA Volleyball rules state that SVC must request a medical document from all players who are injured or sick for a period of time of more than one week or 2 practices, before we can allow them to return to practice or to play in tournaments. Players should expect that extended absence from practices and tournaments will limit playing time upon initial return to play.

**Uniforms:** The Surge Volleyball Club registration fee includes 3 jerseys for girls/women and 2 for boys/men. A flyer with additional information will be distributed at the parent meeting for more accessory options, along with the opportunity to try on sample jerseys.

### **Financials:**

#### **Tryouts:**

There is a \$50 non-refundable early tryout fee (\$70 for walk-in registrations) that is directed by Surge Volleyball Club and is not to be mistaken with the fee paid for the KRVA membership needed to tryout for any USA Club. The tryout form and fee can be completed online through our website or can be mailed to:

Surge Volleyball Club  
ATTN: Ron Humer  
P.O. Box 343  
Blandon, PA. 19510

Please make checks payable to "Surge Volleyball Club".



### **Registration Fees:**

Our costs for the 2020/2021 season are as follows and may be adjusted based on the number of tournaments that each team selects.

### **GIRLS Teams:**

12U \$450 – 5 to 7 competition days (see #1, #2, and #4 remarks below)

13U \$700 – 7 to 9 competition days (see #1, #2, and #4 remarks below)

14U-18U Club team \$1,275 – 9 to 12 competition days (see #1, #2, and #5 remarks below)

14U-18U Open teams \$1,275 – 9 to 12 competition days (see #1, #2, #3, and #5 remarks below)

### **BOYS Teams:**

14U team \$600 – 7 to 9 competitions (see #1 & #2 remarks below)

16U team \$800 – 9 to 10 competitions (see #1 & #2 remarks below)

18U team \$900 – 9 to 12 competitions (see #1 & #2 remarks below)

*#1- Competition days – single day tournaments equal 1 competition day; multiday tournaments are considered 2 competition days unless the entry fee is over \$600, which will count as 3 competition days.*

*#2- Additional competition days available, paid on a per event basis (tournament registration fee + \$50 admin fee).*

*#3- Including minimum of 1 AAU National Qualifier and 1 USA Volleyball National Qualifier.*

*#4- All fees due in full at Parent meeting on November 22, 2020.*

*#5- Initial deposit of \$800 due at the Parent meeting on November 18, 2020. Balance of \$475 will be split into 2 payments for all teams with \$275 due January 15, 2021 and \$200 due February 15, 2021*

Families with multiple athletes playing on the same or different Surge Volleyball teams will receive a \$100 discount for every player. Both players must be fully rostered as a tournament player and not a practice player, manager or score keeper.

Club Director and Coaches may suggest tournaments based on experience and interest but ultimately, the decision for tournaments will be left to the parents and coaches.

All check payments should be mailed to the above address and made out to “Surge Volleyball Club”. Payment in full will be due by October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for Boys’ teams and November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 for Girls’ teams. Payment arrangements will be reviewed and approved or disapproved on an individual basis by the Club Director in advance.

### **2020-2021 Financial Clause:**

The Club is splitting our registration fees for our 14U to 18U teams to account for season cancellation concerns. Any payments not submitted due to close of season will not be collected. Our 12U and 13U teams must submit payment in full at the parent meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Surge will reevaluate the circumstances if the need should arise and update all players in a timely manner.

**ALL payments are NON-REFUNDABLE as of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for Boys’ teams and November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 for Girls’ teams.** Once your membership fee is received, it will be used to register teams for their tournaments and to purchase uniforms. These fees are spent long before our athletes start playing in any event. We do not have the resources to refund any fees, even for an athlete that is injured. Suspended, restricted or banned parents/players will NOT receive a refund of any fees paid.

Surge Volleyball Club works hard to find the most cost-efficient rooms when participating in multiday events but does not guarantee rooms for all players. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure a place to stay and to pay for these rooms, as they are not part of SVC’s fees. Transportation and meals for the athletes are also the parent’s responsibility.

### **Postseason:**

All 14U to 18U Open teams are committing to attend USAV Nationals, if the team qualifies for the GJNC, or Junior Girls AAU Nationals, if the team earns their entry. These events are postseason events and by joining Surge Volleyball Club, parents commit to attend AAU or USAV Nationals and incur all additional costs associated with these postseason events. These will include an additional cost of housing or hotel stay, food, transportation to and from the event locations (Florida for AAU and USAV location TBA) for a minimum period of four (4) nights and that I am liable for this cost even if my child chooses not to attend.

Any fees not submitted by the due date will be cause to immediately freeze your player from the team and they will not be permitted to participate in any club events, practices or tournaments until payment is made. All players who have not submitted payment by the Wednesday following the parent meeting will be removed from teams as tournament players, changed to a practice player, and will incur an additional \$50 administrative fee. All restrictions will be carried through the end of January. As of February 1, 2021, any player still not current will be dropped from the club rosters and blacklisted by the region, where they cannot participate with another club.

Payments can be made by cash, check (payable to "Surge Volleyball Club"), or credit card via Venmo @Surgevbc or Paypal (an additional 3.5% fee for all credit card charges via Paypal). Paypal payment can be made online at <https://www.paypal.me/SurgeTryout/>, please add additional fee. Payment via Venmo @SurgeVBC does not incur any additional fees.

**Fundraising:** Surge Volleyball Club is able to keep registration costs low by fundraising and not charging the full fee for our practice facilities. This makes fundraising vital to our club. All athletes are required to participate in two (2) fundraising promotions to help cover the cost of our practice facility, provide a coach's stipend, and to help offset costs of running the club. SVC will hold two (2) fundraisers that will be spread throughout the season, with the final fundraiser no later than March 2021. Please keep this in consideration when it comes time to participate and support our fundraisers.

\*Fundraisers for the 2021 season will be two raffle ticket fundraisers.

The following explains the fundraiser participation options; which parents will choose at registration time:

### **Option 1: PARTICIPATION**

By choosing this option, you are stating that you will participate in both fundraisers throughout the club season. You will be required to sell the "minimum sale" amount (or more) with orders and payment handed in by each deadline indicated at the time the fundraiser is announced. You can also choose to OPT out of each specific fundraiser at the time it is announced. If you choose to OPT out, the "minimum sale" amount of \$150 must be paid by its designated deadline. This option has been created for those who would prefer to participate in a specific fundraiser but not actively participate in another.

### **Option 2: OPT OUT**

By choosing this option, you are stating that you do not want to actively participate in either of the two fundraisers throughout the club season. You are choosing to OPT out of all fundraisers at the beginning of the club season. This OPT out option will increase the player's registration level by \$300 per player. (i.e. 12U registration will increase from \$450 to \$750 per player, 13U registration will increase from \$700 to \$1000 per player, 14-18U Club and Open team registration will increase from \$1,275 to \$1,575 per player.

Note: Each fundraiser will have a "minimum sale" amount of \$150 profit.

The "minimum sale" amount does not carry over from one fundraiser to the next. Example: if you sell \$180 of profit in the first fundraiser, that does not exempt you from participation in the second fundraiser. You still must meet the "minimum sale" requirement (\$150) at the remaining fundraisers. If you sell \$300 in the first fundraiser, you have met all fundraiser requirements.

**Concessions:** Another way Surge Volleyball Club is able to keep registration costs low is by hosting multiple events throughout the club season for various age groups. At each of our hosted tournaments, we will run concession stands. All SVC teams will be assigned a Surge tournament that will be scheduled into their “Tournament selection” process at the parent meeting. A parent or athlete (15+) will be required to work 2 one-hour shifts at the concession stand. Shift signups will be held during the week prior to the tournament.

Voluntary donated items can be coordinated with the club before the scheduled event. All items must be dropped off the Friday before the tournament weekend, this includes all items for Sunday tournaments. By dropping off all items on Friday, it will allow us to take account of all donated items, to make sure we have enough of each item and to make any adjustments that may be necessary. All donated items are considered donated and are to be left for the club to disperse. Please do not expect to take any donated items home after the tournament. If an item you donated is not consumed or purchased, it will remain with the club to decide on how it will be dispersed. Items can often times be frozen and saved for another event or stored in our storage room.

**Concession Requirements:** In registering your athlete at Surge Volleyball Club, you are agreeing to participate in the above listed fundraisers and concessions. Failure to participate or pay a fundraiser fee will result in ineligibility for the player in ALL future events until payment is received. This includes but is not limited to clinics, team tournaments, scrimmages, and/or practices. This restriction will be placed in effect on the date that fundraisers are due. If payments are not made by the completion of the season, eligibility for the athlete to try-out will be prohibited for future club seasons until all payments are met.

**Parent Responsibilities:** First we ask that all of our Club parents keep a positive attitude and dedicate themselves to our Club, the Coaches, other team members, their parents and the officials. We also require that you be considerate of our volunteer coaching staff and their time by being prompt when dropping off your athlete and also picking them up when our events are over. Sportsmanship is very important to encourage because we don’t want you as a parent to embarrass our athletes, coaches, our club, or yourself. We are well aware as a club that a win is the best feeling of accomplishment but we are here to improve skills and boost our athlete’s ability, self-esteem, sportsmanship, and fair play. Please help us keep our athletes in perspective. Parental misconduct will result in banning the parent from attending events and may result in banning your athlete from the remainder of the club season and future membership in our club without a refund.

Parents are not permitted to approach the team during a competition or to talk or try to influence in any way, a team that is playing, performing working duties, etc. Actions that are deemed negative in any manner toward a team, official, work team, or a coach can result in immediate suspension or removal of your player from the team for the remainder of the season.

As parents you are also responsible for providing transportation to and from all practices and tournaments. You need to provide your athlete with plenty of food and drinks to keep them nourished and hydrated during events. Some tournaments have concessions but please do not count on them to feed and hydrate your athlete.

Parents are required to check their email and the SVC’s website often for updated information about practices, tournaments, inclement weather decisions or other important information about the athletes before taking up our coaches’ or our director’s time with questions. It would be in good practice to check our website and your email prior to departing for any event or practice.

**Parent Concerns:** Please address any questions or concerns about our policies to our club director through email at [surge@surgevolleyball.org](mailto:surge@surgevolleyball.org) and not during or after a tournament. Please do not address our coaches with these club policy questions. Administrators, coaches and volunteers at this Club are well aware that YOU are the parent and have

your child's best interest in mind. This is also the coach's concern, as well as the growth and development of their team's athletes.

Parents and coaches may not always agree or look at the whole spectrum in the same way. If your child has a concern of any kind such as playing time, please allow them to express their feelings with the coach without you first. If after your child has not gotten the result or the answer they were hoping for, then you, as the parent, may step in but not at a practice or a tournament. Please contact the coach and arrange a time to address your issue. If at that time you are not satisfied with the outcome, you may submit an email to the Club Director at [surge@surgevolleyball.org](mailto:surge@surgevolleyball.org) and it will be addressed promptly. We encourage your involvement as a parent and will accommodate you in any way we can.

**Conflict Resolution:** Conflicts that arise should be handled through your "chain of command":

- 1- Players talk with coaches
- 2- Parents request a meeting and talk with coaches
- 3- Parents request a meeting with coaches and club administrator

Conflicts that cannot be handled between a player, their coach and the parents or guardians will be handled in the following manner.

- 1- A meeting with all parties above will be setup with the club director and a club administrator.
- 2- If after the meeting, a resolution can still not be attained, the issue will be brought by the player to the club's resolution committee members to vote on a final course of action.
- 3- All parties will be given a chance to submit their concerns and requested actions to the board in person.
- 4- All Meetings will take place within 14 days of conflict. All resolutions will be completed within 21 days of conflict.
- 5- All decisions made by the resolution committee will be final.

#### **"No parent/person on the floor" Rule.**

The rule states: Anyone who is not a member of Surge Volleyball club's administrators, coaching staff, or players cannot be on the playing surface or around it during any event (practices, tournaments, etc) while teams are practicing or playing. Parents and spectators must stay on the stage when at Surge gym or in the designated spectator area at tournaments. Parents may assist with practice ONLY with prior approval of our club's director and the completion of all required paperwork. Coaches and administrators will enforce this policy. Violators will be asked to leave immediately.

#### **"Misconduct" Rule.**

The rule states: Misconduct of any kind are grounds for immediate release from Surge Volleyball Club and all organizations associated with Surge Volleyball Club. Parent(s) and player(s) will be escorted from the site immediately and released from the club with no refund of any fees or monies paid to Surge Volleyball or any of its affiliates.

Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Vulgar language at any events directed at or within hearing range of any player, coach or parent of any team.
- Demeaning or antagonistic actions toward a player, coach or parent of any team.
- Any physical contact made in an aggressive manner.
- Any actions deemed as misconduct by the Surge Volleyball Club Director and Administrators.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Surge shall NOT be liable for any refunds, delays or failure of performance of service due to causes beyond its control, including, but not limited to: acts of God, infectious disease, fire, flood, explosion or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, action or request of a Federal, state or local governmental authority or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies; unavailability of rights-of-way, services or materials; inability to appropriately teach/coach/educate athletes or persons in any location; or strikes, lock-outs, work stoppages or other labor difficulties.



# **STURGE** **VOLLEYBALL**

# **INFECTIOUS DISEASE HANDBOOK**

***A SAFE RETURN TO VOLLEYBALL***

# A SAFE RETURN TO VOLLEYBALL

As our state begins to loosen the restrictions, it is important for us to do our part in mitigating the ongoing risk of contracting the COVID-19 and other infectious viruses. The following has been created to help inform all who are part of our organization. Each area below will be laid out in detail throughout this document. Returning to volleyball will only be considered when the county and state's public health restrictions and physical distancing measures allow for it. Public health restrictions will always guide what is allowable by our organization. Please consult with your provincial health authority before engaging in volleyball activities.

## FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Outdoor activities have been deemed safer than indoors. Beach and grass volleyball would be deemed safer than indoor volleyball at this time and therefore outdoor is the preferred training environment.
- Minimize the total amount of users in one space at any given time. The more users in the space the higher the risk, this is especially true for indoor spaces with increased contact surfaces and less air circulation.
- Only required seating, tables, etc should be made available. Access to water fountains, meeting spaces, etc should be carefully considered and likely discouraged.
- All common contact surfaces within the facility should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

## PARTICIPANTS

- Group sizes should always be minimized and must abide by regional public health restrictions.
- People over 65 years of age or people with underlying health conditions are deemed to be higher risk. Their involvement should be carefully considered and likely discouraged.
- Participants should know of the common symptoms of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and stay at home if displaying symptoms.
- Participants must stay home if they have been in contact with a known case in the previous 14 days.

## CONTACT MINIMIZATION

- Physical distancing will always be practiced by a maximal number of participants
- This may require adjustments to scheduling activities and minimizing inter team/group play.
- Coaching should be completed while practicing physical distancing guidelines.
- Spectators should be discouraged and if present must also abide by physical distancing guidelines.
- Participants should not be sharing water-bottles, towels, or other equipment.
- Use of minimal amount of volleyballs and keep them designated for specific groups of participants
- Use a sanitizing spray on balls at frequent intervals and especially between different user groups.
- Unnecessary contact between participants, handshakes, high fives, hugs etc. should be discouraged.

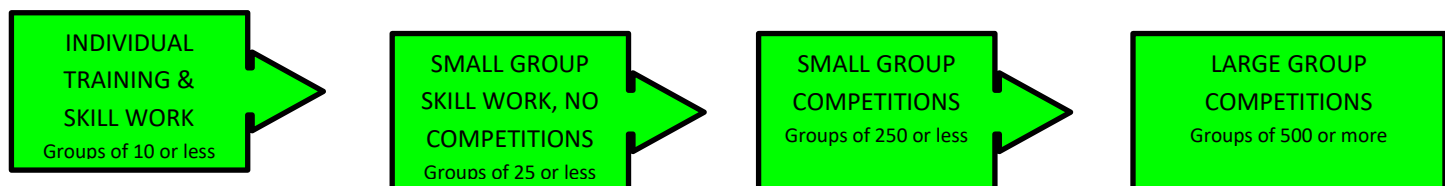
## PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

- Participants should wash their hands before and immediately following participation
- Hand washing or sanitizing at intervals throughout should be encouraged.
- Participants should avoid touching ones face throughout.
- Participants should consider wearing a mask

## RETURN TO VOLLEYBALL SAFE REOPENING PHASES

*CDC guidelines for gym - Phased plan based on CDC and state guidelines.*

The return of volleyball will adapt as restrictions and policies change regionally. The following is a likely progression of allowable activities. Mitigation strategies will need to be practiced throughout all stages.



## **SAFE REOPENING PHASES - FOCUS ON EACH GROUP FOR A SAFE REOPENING**

### **GYM**

Surge gym will take reasonable precautions to limit our participants' exposure to COVID-19 while at their premises. Surge will follow all CDC guidelines by using reasonable mitigation strategies which include, but are not limited to:

- Separating sick people. Anyone showing signs of COVID-19 will have to stay out of the gym for 14 days until they come up with active testing
- Using proper building ventilation, filtration and humidity control. Doors will remain open during practices when possible and exhaust fans on to keep air moving through the gym. Fans will be used if weather is bad.
- Practicing proper hand hygiene (i.e., providing sufficient hand sanitizer and soap); We will have hand sanitizer stations and will make it a regular habit to overuse it. Arms and hands.
- Limiting number of people in the gym to less than 25. May restrict spectators if needed.
- Encouraging everyone to stay at least six feet apart while at the gym especially during downtimes and water breaks
- Routine daily cleaning and disinfection
  - Thorough cleaning at the end of each day of all floors and equipment
- Between practice cleaning
  - Each practice will be controlled in its entirety by support staff and coaches.
  - Cleaning logs will be kept by gym monitor
  - All equipment and balls will be sprayed with disinfectant between practices and let to dry
  - Floors will be mopped between each practice
  - New equipment will be used for each practice

### **COACHES**

- Coach temp check
- Waiver and Contract to agree to tell us if they are sick and release liabilities signed and turned in before practice
- COVID questionnaire before entering
- Sign in and out for contact tracing
- Assist with control measures and entry limitations set

### **PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

- Parent/Spectator temp check
- Waiver and Contract to agree to tell us if they are sick and release liabilities signed and turned in before practice
- COVID questionnaire before entering
- No/Limited spectators depending on the number of players in the gym
- Sign in and out for contact tracing

### **ATHLETES**

- Player temp check
- Waiver and Contract to agree to tell us if they are sick and release liabilities signed and turned in before practice
- COVID questionnaire before entering
- Sign in and out for contact tracing
- Limited bathroom breaks
- Must bring own water
- Assigned equipment and water break area for each player
- All players must secure all gear and leave gym immediately after their practice
- Come dressed ready to play
- Sanitize on and off court

### **What are the guidelines if someone has COVID-19 from your club?**

- Players and coaches must stay out of the gym for 14 days.
- All equipment must be cleaned and gym vacated for 24 hours.
- All people who came in contact with that person must be notified via text msg. No names will be shared.

## **STEPS OF EACH GROUP – ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE STEPS**

**All personnel:**

GYM	PARK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use restroom before arriving-limit need during events</li> <li>• Wash hands/arms 20 secs before entering gym</li> <li>• Practice social distancing when in the building</li> <li>• Facemask required when not involved in practice</li> <li>• Everyone will have a non contact temp check. Temps of 100.4 or more will be refused entry.</li> <li>• Everyone will be logged for contact tracing to include time in/out, phone, &amp; name</li> <li>• Everyone will be logged out upon departure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use restroom before arriving-limit need during events</li> <li>• Wash hands/arms 20 secs before beginning play</li> <li>• Practice social distancing when in the park</li> <li>• All participants will have a non contact temp check. Temps of 100.4 or more will be refused play</li> <li>• All participants will be logged for contact tracing to include time in/out, phone, &amp; name</li> <li>• Everyone will be logged out upon departure</li> </ul>

**Coaches - All personnel steps above plus:**

GYM	PARK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bags and gear placed in assigned coaches area</li> <li>• Bring a personal towel to wipe off with when needed</li> <li>• Wear facemask when not coaching</li> <li>• Use hand sanitizer often – set the example and have players follow suit</li> <li>• Secure clean equipment for practice, limiting contact with other equipment</li> <li>• Collect/Clean equipment – players no longer put equipment away. Store equipment in appropriate areas for drying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bags and gear placed in assigned coaches area</li> <li>• Bring a personal towel to wipe off with when needed</li> <li>• Use hand sanitizer often – set the example and have players follow suit</li> <li>• Secure clean equipment for practice, limiting contact with other equipment</li> <li>• Collect/Clean equipment – players no longer put equipment away. Store equipment in appropriate areas for drying</li> </ul>

**Players – All personnel steps above plus:**

GYM	PARK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bags/gear in assigned player area in the gym</li> <li>• Bring personal towel to wipe off with during breaks</li> <li>• Wear facemask when not practicing</li> <li>• No physical contact (i.e. handshakes, hugs, high fives, etc)</li> <li>• Use hand sanitizer before entering and leaving the court to include water breaks</li> <li>• Limit bathroom breaks</li> <li>• Collect personal belongings quickly/depart facility in a timely manner to allow the next group to enter</li> <li>• Come dressed ready to play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bags/gear in assigned player area by the court</li> <li>• Bring personal towel to wipe off with during breaks</li> <li>• Practice social distancing when in the park</li> <li>• No physical contact (i.e. handshakes, hugs, high fives, etc)</li> <li>• Use hand sanitizer before entering and leaving the court to include water breaks</li> <li>• Limit bathroom breaks</li> <li>• Collect personal belongings quickly/depart play area in a timely manner to allow the next group to start</li> <li>• Come dressed ready to play</li> </ul>

**Spectators – All personnel steps above plus:**

GYM	PARK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sit in assigned areas of the stage ONLY!</li> <li>• Wear facemask at all times</li> <li>• Do not use the back door of the stage</li> <li>• Depart in a timely manner to allow the next group to enter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sit in or by your cars to watch. Stay away from the playing area</li> <li>• Depart in a timely manner to allow the next group to begin</li> </ul>



# Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability for Communicable Diseases including the Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. Communicable diseases and especially COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

The health and well-being of our staff and athletes remains our top priority. In order to minimize the risk of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases entering our environment and spreading amongst our community, we will only allow staff assigned to work and athletes scheduled to participate to be on our gym floor. Parents wishing to remain on site can use outdoor common areas, the parking lot to wait for their athlete(s) or may enter the stage through a separate entrance and be seated in assigned areas. All non-athletes will need to wear a mask when inside of the building. Athletes waiting to attend a session will need to wait outside while maintaining social distance from others.

Furthermore, all participants in sponsored activities at Surge Volleyball Club must agree to and abide by the following:

- All players, coaches, spectators and parents must submit to a temperature check prior to entering the gym area.
- Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.
- All players, coaches, spectators and parents must adhere to new strict sanitizing protocols as outlined in attached Surge COVID-19 Handbook
- All guidelines may change without notice and will be posted and distributed immediately.

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Surge Volleyball, Body Zone, and the Fleetwood Borough ("the Club") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Club cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Club could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Club and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death.

I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Club may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at the Club or participation in Club programming ("Claims").

On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

I understand and agree to all guidelines set forth and stated here by the Club and that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Club, its employees, officers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection or other infectious disease occurs before, during, or after participation in any Club program.

Participant's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Team(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Member 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member 4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Member 5 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature (if 18 or older): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s) (for participants under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD - RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I/we, the Undersigned, desire to participate in, or desire that my/our minor child/children, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of child / children), participate in, the activities listed below (collectively, the "Activities"), which  
Activities may involve the use of certain fields and facilities and apparatus (collectively, the "Facilities") owned, leased or utilized by the  
**BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA** (the "Borough") for recreational or other purposes. I acknowledge, understand  
and agree that:

(1) I/we are the legal parent(s) and/or legal custodian(s) of the minor child/children listed above and have full power and authority to  
execute this Release and Waiver of Liability on behalf of such minor child/children.

(2) The Activities may involve certain risks that may result in bodily injury, emotional injury, personal injury, accident, injury, illness,  
death, property damage and/or loss.

(3) I/we, in my/our own right and/or on behalf of my/our minor child/children listed above, and our heirs, representatives, agents and  
assigns (collectively, the "Releasors"), in consideration for participation in the Activities, or any of them, and the Facilities, or any of them, hereby  
jointly and severally **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, SAVE, HOLD HARMLESS, WAIVE, FOREVER DISCHARGE** and **DEFEND** the Borough, its Council, its  
Mayor, officers, employees, committee/board members, licensees, contractors, agents, attorneys, engineers, representatives, related  
organizations and members, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties") against any and all damages, claims, liabilities, demands,  
actions, causes of action and suits of every kind and nature which the Releasors, or any of them, may have, or may in the future have, against  
the Released Parties for any bodily injury, emotional injury, personal injury, accident, injury, illness, death, property damage or loss resulting  
from any circumstances including but not limited to COVID-19, which the Releasors, or any of them, may sustain while participating in any of the  
Activities, or in any activities, programs and/or trips associated with the Activities, and/or use of the Facilities, including but not limited to any  
and all claims which arise on account of any first aid, treatment or service rendered in connection with the Activities and/or use of the Facilities  
or which result from negligence on the part of the Released Parties, or any of them.

(4) Except as otherwise agreed to by the Released Parties in writing, the Released Parties do not carry or maintain insurance coverage  
for the Releasors, or any of them. Each Releasor is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own insurance coverages.

(5) To the extent that the Activities involve the use of private motor vehicles and/or the use of parking lots at the Facilities, the Released  
Parties shall bear no responsibility to the Releasors for the maintenance, operation, use, security or insurance of such vehicles or any accidents  
resulting from the use of such vehicles.

(6) This Release and Waiver of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania.

(7) This Release and Waiver of Liability shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania.

(8) In the event any clause, sentence or provision of this Release and Waiver of Liability shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable by  
any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of such clause, sentence or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining clauses, sentences  
and provisions of this Release and Waiver of Liability, which shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

LIST ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES: Volleyball training, practices, clinics, private lessons, tournaments, workouts and other activities related to the sport  
of volleyball and the physical activities associated with the sport.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AND INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND HEREBY, I/we have executed this Release and Waiver of Liability this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**CAUTION! READ THIS ENTIRE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY BEFORE SIGNING**

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian/Adult Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

**Print Witness Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian/Adult Signature

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Witness Signature

**Print Witness Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> signature optional if more than two parties are sharing facility. Witness required for each  
\* Notary not required with witness signature.*