



GREAT BAY VOLLEYBALL CLUB

COACHING CREED



Developing a personal philosophy should be looked upon with great importance. We believe that developing a core set of guiding principles is a critical step in our development as coaches. Individual and professional growth will dictate changes in style and methods over time but core principles will likely remain constant. If we strive to keep our principles in tact, we are likely to have success in our relationships with players, parents, administrators and fellow coaches. Remember; it is about the development of players! Following are some simple principles to guide us in our efforts to be better coaches:

- **We are teachers first.** Raising a player's Volleyball IQ is a lifetime benefit to the player.
- We are coaching **Student** Athletes. Promoting the importance of academics, and reminding our players that participating in organized sports is also a means of improving their academic performance, should be a priority.
- It should be our goal to motivate players by instilling confidence and building morale. **Competence builds confidence.**
- We should promote **sportsmanship, work ethic and teamwork.**
- **Dedication and preparedness** are paramount for anyone involved in the Great Bay program (coaches, administrators, players and parents).
- **Honesty and trust are essential to success:** Player to Player, Coach to Player, Coach to Coach.
- **Coaches for excellence, not glory.** The team should win because they are motivated to do well, not because of a coach's aspiration.
- We will dedicate ourselves to **perpetual improvement of our own skills** as a coach and as a player.

- We will agree on how we teach fundamental skills and strive for consistency at all levels.
- We will **contribute** to the program **to the best of our abilities according to our individual talents**. Strategy is a coach's personal preference but should be designed with an **emphasis on fulfilling team or program goals**.
- **We will pursue excellence** and demand that our players do the same.
- We will establish a **“Guilt Free Zone”** for all our players. This is a safe place to fail in pursuit of excellence without the pressure of having to be perfect every time.

This is a truly wonderful sport for children and adults alike. Remind your players that they can play for a lifetime. Establishing a strong program with consistent teaching methods and a strong personal philosophy will provide our players with the strength of character, fundamental competence and joy of the game they need to sustain them well past their school years. We should never let the glory of winning get in the way of our love for teaching or the well being of our athletes. The information contained in this document is a simple guide to help make our programs more consistent and promote dialogue between coaches at all levels. It is intended to help us build better programs and produce athletes that will make us proud to be called coaches.