

ZAPATA VOLLEYBALL CLUB



Professional & Purpose-Driven

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide youth athletes across the San Luis Valley with high-quality volleyball training that develops skill, confidence, and character—on and off the court.

Purpose Statement:

We strive to create an environment where players ages 11–18 can grow through discipline, teamwork, and competition. Through professional coaching, strong fundamentals, and a commitment to sportsmanship, we prepare athletes to reach their full potential while representing our valley with pride and integrity.



Bylaws

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name

The official name of this organization shall be **Zapata Volleyball Club**.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to promote the sport of volleyball for athletes ages 11–18 by:

1. Providing quality instruction, training, and competitive opportunities.
 2. Fostering teamwork, discipline, leadership, and sportsmanship.
 3. Encouraging personal growth, integrity, and respect on and off the court.
 4. Supporting athletes who aspire to play at the next level.
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ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership is open to youth athletes ages 11 through 18 who successfully complete tryouts and meet all requirements of the Club and its governing organizations.

Section 2. Registration and Fees

- a. Each member must complete all registration forms, waivers, and health information prior to participation.
- b. Club fees shall be set annually and are payable according to the payment schedule established by the Club Director.
- c. Fees are non-refundable except under special circumstances approved by the Club Director.
- d. Financial aid or payment plans may be available upon written request and approval.

Section 3. Code of Conduct

All players, parents, and coaches shall uphold the highest standards of behavior. Disrespect, unsportsmanlike conduct, or actions detrimental to the Club's reputation may result in disciplinary action, suspension, or removal.

ARTICLE III – Governance

Section 1. Leadership

The Club shall be governed by a **Club Director** and may include a **Board of Advisors**, composed of coaches, parents, and community representatives.

Section 2. Responsibilities

- **Club Director:** Oversees all operations, finances, policies, and program development.
 - **Coaches:** Conduct practices, manage teams, and ensure adherence to the Club's mission and philosophy.
 - **Board of Advisors:** Provides input and guidance on policies, fundraising, and long-term planning.
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ARTICLE IV – Seasons and Teams

Section 1. Seasonal Programs

The Club shall offer **Winter** and **Spring** teams each year.

Participation requires a formal tryout and acceptance into the program for each season.

Section 2. Team Placement

Placement shall be determined by the coaching staff based on skill level, position, attitude, and team needs.

Section 3. Playing Time

Playing time is not guaranteed to be equal and shall be awarded at the discretion of the coaching staff based on performance, attendance, effort, and team requirements.

ARTICLE V – Practices and Competitions

Section 1. Attendance

Athletes are expected to attend all practices, tournaments, and Club events. Coaches must be notified in advance of any absences. Excessive unexcused absences may result in reduced playing time or dismissal from the team.

Section 2. Behavior and Representation

Athletes represent the Club at all times. Respect toward teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents is mandatory. Any conduct that reflects poorly on the Club may result in disciplinary action.

ARTICLE VI – Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on December 1st and conclude on **July 1st**

Section 2. Budget and Expenditures

The annual budget shall be prepared by the Club Director and/or Board of Advisors and approved prior to the start of each season. The budget shall be based on projected costs associated with:

- Practice facilities and gym rentals
- Club Director, recruiting specialist, and coaching staff compensation
- Travel expenses for teams and staff
- Uniforms, apparel, and equipment
- Tournament and league entry fees
- Administrative and operational costs

All Club funds shall be used exclusively for organizational purposes in alignment with the Club's mission.

ARTICLE XI – Fundraising

Section 1. Purpose

The Club recognizes that participation in youth athletics can create a financial burden for families. To assist in alleviating costs associated with club fees, uniforms, travel, and tournament participation, organized fundraising activities shall be made available to members.

Section 2. Fundraising Activities

Fundraising opportunities may include, but are not limited to, sponsorships, community events, product sales, donations, and other activities approved by the Club Director. All fundraising events must be conducted in a manner consistent with the Club's mission and values.

Section 3. Allocation of Funds

Funds raised through Club-approved activities shall be the property of the Club and will be allocated to support the general operating expenses of the program, team activities, and financial assistance for players as determined by the Club Director or Board of Advisors.

Section 4. Compliance

All fundraising efforts shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal laws. No individual member may conduct independent fundraising using the Club's name or logo without prior written authorization from the Club Director.

ARTICLE VII – Policies and Discipline

Section 1. Grievance Procedure

Any complaints or concerns must be submitted in writing to the Club Director within seven (7) days of the incident. The Club Director will review and respond within a reasonable timeframe.

Section 2. Disciplinary Action

Failure to comply with Club rules, policies, or the Code of Conduct may result in suspension or termination of membership. The Club reserves the right to enforce disciplinary measures as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by the Club Director or by majority vote of the Board of Advisors. All amendments shall take effect immediately unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE IX – Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Club, all remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit youth sports organization or school athletic program that aligns with the Club's mission.

ARTICLE X – Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the **Zapata Volleyball Club Bylaws**. I agree to abide by the policies, rules, and expectations outlined herein as a condition of participation.

Player Name (Print):

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name (Print):

Signature:

Date:

Club Director (Print):

Signature:

Date:
