



2025 PLAYER EXPECTATIONS SUMMARY

Playing for The Phantoms is both a challenge and a privilege. The club represents a new chapter of old ideals and embraces the success, the camaraderie and the geographical challenges of regional volleyball over the last 30 years. For it to be a success there can be only one level of commitment – 100%.

When you commit to a team sport, you commit more than just your own time and energy; you also take on the responsibility of your teammates, coaches, parents and supporters. Every effort you do or do not make on and off the court impacts on all those involved in the club. If YOU make a decision for yourself not to train, not to turn up to a match, not to chase a ball, you also make that decision on behalf of your club mates, many of which will have made far greater sacrifices than you to improve, to be there, to win the point!

Therefore, any decision that you make must be made with more than yourself in mind. There will be occasions when volleyball comes way down the list and a choice must be made and that is okay, but if that happens, it has to be for the right reasons, be communicated and it should take into account the commitment that everyone else who is relying on you is making at the same time.

The Basics:

- Read and acknowledge the **full version** of this document (which can be downloaded from the [Athlete Resource Page of our website](#)) by ticking the box on the membership form
- Complete and return the **Membership Form**
- Ensure if you have any medical condition the club needs to be aware of, details are provided by returning a completed copy of our club **Medical Form**
- Understand the **financial commitment** of membership and ensure payments are made on time
- Support any club initiatives designed to assist our major sponsor – **Bendigo Stadium**
- Understand your responsibility to communicate your **weekly availability** for selection to your coach
- Participate in your local Association and/or attend trainings when organised to be eligible for selection
- **Respect** the rules of the game and the **referees** who try to apply them. Only the Captain speaks to them
- **Duty** other teams as you want them to duty you. Be in uniform and fully focused on your job
- Speak to your Coach or the Club if you are interested in **refereeing qualifications** and match payments
- Ensure you wear your **Phantoms uniform** when representing the Club
- Attend and assist where possible with **Club functions** and events (Speak to any member of our committee about joining the Events Sub-Committee)
- Understand your obligations under the Club's adopted **Alcohol** and **Child Safe policies**
- Read the **Codes of Behaviour** for players, coaches, parents and officials on the [Policies page](#) of our website
- Be available to represent Phantoms or your local association or team at the annual **Warrnambool Seaside** and **Ballarat Skins Tournaments** prior to the VVL season
- Prioritise your home Association or Academy over Phantoms in **post VVL Tournaments**.
- Communicate with your coaches and team mates to **minimise individual travel** and associated risks