

Highland Girls Volleyball Team

Parents/Guardians Letter

Attendance

Our schedule is very demanding during season. Athletes must attend every practice, scrimmage, game, tournament, fundraiser, and event during the season. Our schedule is already available on our website and is updated if any changes occur. We do our best to communicate openly and quickly about upcoming events, fundraisers, and schedule changes but there are often changes that require everyone to be flexible. Parents/guardians are asked to look at the schedule with their athletes and let their Coach know at the parent meeting about any dates that may be missed. Athletes that miss any events are missing learning and bonding opportunities and quickly fall behind. Multiple missed practices will result in removal from the program.

Court Time

Our program has grown increasingly competitive and all court time at every level must be earned. Athletes are encouraged to keep an open dialogue with their coaches on how to continue to improve and earn their way onto the court. Accepting a position on this team comes with the acknowledgment that an athlete is getting the opportunity to train and improve, even if there is the chance that any given athlete could potentially spend little to no time playing on the court during games. Our coaches will make the decisions they think will provide the best outcome for the team. In doing so they are showing their trust in the players to do their best, just as the players and guardians are expected to show their trust in the coaches decisions.

Game Days

During both home and away game days players will have Game Day Duties such as line judge, score, set up, take down, crowd support, etc. The duties take place during the matches the other teams are having. Coach Adam will be providing a full rotating Game Day Duties schedule. This also counts toward athletic attendance and if duties cannot be met, please work with Coach Adam to switch days with another athlete. During away games players are required to attend and support the other levels. All athletes must be at the match from class release until 730pm pick up.

Transportation

The school will provide limited transportation for our season. In season we will have a one way bus from Highland to our in-district matches. This means athletes will need to be picked up from the away school by a parent. We will have a few matches where vans will be provided by the school to bring some students to matches. There will be very limited space and parent transportation will need to be provided for many of our matches and tournaments this season. We will create a list at our team parent meeting after our rosters are finalized of who will be riding in the vans when vans are provided and who will be transported by their parents.

Tryouts

We have 3 teams for Girls Volleyball. Varsity, JV, and Freshmen. Our tryouts take place in that order and athletes are welcome to try out from the top down. For example an incoming freshmen can try out for Varsity. If they are not offered a spot on the varsity team, they can still try out for the JV team. If they are not offered a spot on the JV team, they can still try out for the Freshmen team. Seniors may only try out for Varsity. Juniors and Sophomores can try out for Varsity and JV but not the Freshmen team.

Eligibility and Etiquette

Before trying out players need athletic clearance through the school. The step by step guide is on the school webpage. Students must also hold a 2.0 GPA before and throughout season to participate. Students will act with respect toward themselves and those around them at all times. Student athletes will put only family, health, and academics before volleyball during their season of sport. Students and parents will not participate in, film, share, celebrate, or facilitate in any manner fighting, illicit substance use, or defamation of the school, program, or teammates. Proper athletic attire is required and students without proper gear will not be allowed to participate.

Parents must understand and endorse the purpose of the program: to help our athletes become hardworking, dedicated, focused individuals that can take their learned skill set from the court into the world. Serve as role models for our players by talking politely and acting courteously toward coaches, officials, other parents, and other players. This is non-negotiable. There will be a parent and player contract at the parent meeting that must be signed by both parties before athletes are officially taken onto the roster.

Contact Info and Resources

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JV Coach - Sam Hand

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School website: www.highlandhs.org

Thank you for supporting these high school athletes. We are looking forward to another successful volleyball season.

-Coach Adam