

DESERT RIDGE JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Dear Parents and Athletes:

Your daughter has indicated an interest in trying out for the volleyball team at DRJHS. This letter is to inform you and your daughter of expectations and time requirements for team participation. Please be sure the items are completed in RegisterMyAthlete/ACTIVATE **PRIOR** to the first day of tryouts.

Tryout Schedule

Monday, March 25th from 3:30- 5:00 PM

Tuesday, March 26th from 3:30- 5:00 PM

Wednesday, March 27th from 2:30- 5:00 PM

Thursday, March 28th from 3:30- 5:00 PM

*** At the conclusion of the tryout session on Thursday, all athletes will receive a letter that either 1) informs them of not making the team, or 2) invites them back to our first practice**

Philosophy

The philosophy of our volleyball team is simply to inspire a love of the game. In addition, we will work with each player to see her skill level improve throughout the season. We will also emphasize team unity and the importance of dedication and self-discipline. For 8th graders we want to prepare these athletes for the high school level.

Athletic Clearance

Before an athlete can participate in volleyball tryouts, she must have completed all requirements in RegisterMyAthlete/Activate. Physicals must be uploaded and athletes must be signed up before athletes are cleared for tryouts.

Practice

1. Girls who are selected for the team will be required to attend practices each week. Practices will begin promptly at 3:30 PM and end at 5 PM. A more definite schedule will be given to girls who make the team.
2. **Season practices are closed to all spectators and parents.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Transportation

Transportation to and from tryouts and practice is the responsibility of each girl. The girls should be picked up at the **BACK** of the school (by the gymnasium near the locker rooms). Parents, please be prompt in picking up your athlete.

Attire

1. Students must dress out in appropriate volleyball attire for tryouts and practice (shorts and a T-shirt). **NO CLUB TEAM ATTIRE IS PERMITTED DURING TRYOUTS PER DISTRICT GUIDELINE.**
2. Uniforms will be provided for games.

3. Girls who make the team must provide their own set of kneepads and black spandex.
4. Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail - no hair can be hanging in an athlete's face.

Matches

1. Most matches will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Home matches will start at 4:30 PM for the 7th grade team and approximately 5:30 PM for the 8th grade team (actual start times depend on the conclusion of the 7th grade match). Matches last about one hour. Away matches' starting and finishing times may vary.
2. It is the coach's intent to play every player as much as possible. However, individual matches dictate whether this can be accomplished. Team participation and support occurs both on and off of the court.
3. When considering individual play time, the coach will look for desire, dedication, and a positive TEAM attitude, as well as strength of skill.

Academics

1. A 2.0 grade point average must be maintained to try out and remain on the team.
2. The players are considered students first. They will not be excused from any of their classes for any reason unless the coach and teacher approve it.
3. Students are expected to dress out and participate in P.E. everyday. If they are excused from participation in P.E., they will not practice or play that day.
4. If a student receives lunch detention on a practice day. Playing time will then be determined at the coach's discretion. *If a player receives four lunch detentions during one season, she will no longer be able to participate on the team.*

Fee

Once an athlete has made the team, the **fee to participate is \$100**, which may be used as a tax credit at the time of payment. As soon as the roster is set and your daughter becomes a member of the team, a nonrefundable fee will be due to the Athletic Director's office. No game uniforms will be issued to an athlete until the fee has been paid. A copy of the receipt will be given to the coach who will then issue a uniform.

Contact Info

If you have any further questions, please contact the coaches at 480-635-2025:

7th grade Coach Rennie Hallows, rennie.hallows@gilbertschools.net

8th grade Coach Kristy James Kuehn, ext. 222, kristy.jameskuehn@gilbertschools.net