

Fall Volleyball Policy & Procedure

The OAA's philosophy is to develop each player by teaching the fundamentals of Volleyball while learning the value of teamwork and to encourage good sportsmanship in a safe, positive, and fun environment.

Season Schedule and Information

- ☑ There will be a game schedule and a year-end tournament.
- ☑ All games will be Saturdays at various times.
- ☑ Official scores will be kept.
- ☑ Trained referees will call each match.

Court Dimensions and Information

- ☑ See Volleyball Rules for court dimensions and serving lines.

Safety

- ☑ All players must wear kneepads!
- ☑ Tennis shoes are required. Sandals not allowed. To keep water and dirt off the court, no outside shoes are allowed on rainy/snowy days. Players must change out of their outside shoes before entering the gym.

Player/Coach/Parent Participation

- ☑ Practices:
 - All players should attend practices scheduled by the coach. In addition to games, if a player is unable to attend a practice, the coach should be notified. If a player continues to miss practices but shows up to play games, it will be the coach's decision to sit the child for what he/she deems is fair. We want fair time for all kids to play, but we need to also be fair to the children who make all the practices. It would be unfair for a kid who continually misses practices to receive the same amount of playing time as kids who make the practices.
 - If a player is not participating, or refusing to participate at practice, this is the same as not attending practice.
 - Players are expected to be on time and ready when practice begins.
- ☑ Games:
 - Six (6) players are allowed on the court at once.
 - Prior to a player sitting out a second time, all other players must have sat out at least once during the game.
 - During game only team members and coaching staff will be allowed on or near the bench. Parents, sibling, etc. will not be allowed on or near the bench.
 - All players will receive equal playing time. Please review the practice and participation requirements above.

Game Procedure and Rules

- ☑ Win will be determined by the best two out of three games.
- ☑ The first and second games are scored to twenty-five and the third to fifteen. The winning team must have two points more than the other team in order to win the match.
- ☑ Please see the Volleyball Rules file located on the OAA Volleyball homepage for further rules.

Game Rescheduling

- ☑ Forfeits:
 - A forfeit shall result only if a team has less than five (5) players, with no more than a fifteen minute delay of game. Teams with only four (4) players present at this time will forfeit the remaining games of the match. If neither team is present with at least four (4) players at the scheduled start of a game, there is a double forfeit.

Tournament

- ☑ There will be a season end tournament. See the schedule for details.

Sportsmanship

- ☑ There will be no arguing with other coaches or referees.
- ☑ Heckling of any players will not be tolerated
- ☑ **Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated.** This includes parents, players, and/or coaches towards any other individual during regular season or tournament play. Players are here to learn and to have fun. Individuals will be asked to leave if they do not abide by the OAA Sportsmanship Policy.
- ☑ Poor sportsmanship includes negative behavior/remarks, heckling, non-cooperation with coach and league policies and procedures, bullying. If a player displays poor sportsmanship during a game they may be taken out of the game after a warning.

Gym Guidelines

- ☑ No outside shoes are allowed inside the gym on rainy/snowy days. Players must bring a clean pair of shoes and change into them before entering the gym. This is to keep wet and slippery spots off the gym floor.
- ☑ Only coaching staff and players are allowed in the gym during practice. Family and friends are not allowed in the gym during practice.
- ☑ Food and gum are not allowed in the gym.
- ☑ Maplewood Middle School has a stage in one of the gyms. The stage, and the stairs leading the stage, are off limits to players.

Team Placement

- ☑ OAA Volleyball is split into three levels: third/fourth grade, fifth/sixth grade, and seventh/eighth grade. Grade is determined by the grade they will be in the fall of volleyball season.
- ☑ Registration will include an option to request a friend and/or a preferred coach.
- ☑ In addition, a participant may list if they prefer the coach or the friend as first priority. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests, only the first friend listed under friend request will be considered.

- ☒ Guardians are also given the opportunity during registration to list a coach they do not want to coach their child. We understand that not all coach/player combinations are a good match and this will hold top priority.
- ☒ Requests are not guaranteed and refunds will not be given because of team placement. Early registration increases the chance that requests will be met, but does not guarantee it.
- ☒ In addition to friend/coach requests, teams will be organized by school and grade level. It is our desire to keep schoolmates together to help create bonds as well as divide third and fourth graders evenly, fifth and sixth graders, and seventh and eighth graders, throughout teams as much as possible. This too, is not guaranteed and there may be some variances where grade levels are among teams.

Coaches

- ☒ Registration will include an option to volunteer to be a Coach or Assistant Coach.
- ☒ Coaching staff will be determined not only by both registration date but by consideration of previous coaching history with OAA. Also, the amount of requests for a particular coach will also be in the determination factor. Priority will first be given to individuals who have a positive history of coaching with OAA. This is solely at the discretion of the director.
- ☒ All coaching staff is volunteer and a background check will be completed every two years, as well as concussion training every two years.

Refunds

- ☒ All refunds will be subject to a minimum of a \$10 processing fee. Please see the volleyball homepage for details pertaining to the refund deadlines. Refunds will not be given due to team placement, including friend request or coach request. Requests will be fulfilled as possible, but are not guaranteed.

Equipment and Uniforms

- ☒ Each player is provided with a team t-shirt. At registration, guardians are asked to pick a t-shirt size. This shirt size is not guaranteed. In order to receive uniforms in time for the first game, the league will count how many of each size shirt was requested within the age group and evenly divide that among each team.
 - An exception to this is if there is a try-on date prior to the season. Players may be given the opportunity to attend a try-on date where they will be able to try on shirts to ensure the correct sizing. Players who do not attend the try-on date, will have the size that was specified on registration. Players who sign up after the try-on date will not be guaranteed the size that was specified on registration.
- ☒ One ball per player will be provided and nets shall be set up and tore down by the district.

Additional Information

- ☒ Players MUST be picked up directly at the end of practice. Failure to be back before practice commences, will result in the said player having to have a guardian present on the premises for the rest of the season.
- ☒ Use of foul language is prohibited.
- ☒ Alcohol and tobacco are strictly prohibited from all games and practices.

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