

Hi Raider Volleyball Families!

I hope you are enjoying your summer break! This is a lengthy email, but it is full of the information regarding the 2022 Junior Raider Volleyball season. If you have any questions after you've read this email, please feel free to email me.

Registration, Tryouts and Zoning

We are accepting registrations for team tryouts with a \$25 fee until July 15th at 11:30pm. The tryout fee will increase to \$40 if you register your child on July 15th at 11:31pm or later. You can register [here](#).

Tryouts will be held on Tuesday, August 9th from 6:30-8:30pm in the main gym at Alpharetta High School for rising 5th-8th grade girls. **Tryouts are mandatory.** Teams will be contacted by 10:00am on August 10th. You'll need to bring your child's current physical with you to tryouts. The physical must not expire until on or after September 25, 2022. The physical form is on our website: www.alpharettavolleyball.com

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept players zoned for schools other than Alpharetta HS this season, unless you played with our program in 2021.

Fall Programming

At this time we plan to offer two teams - Black and White - this fall. If we can secure more coaches, we will also offer a third team. All teams will have rosters of 10-12 players.

Tentative competitive team schedules are posted on our website. The Black and White teams will have weeknight practices and four Saturday play dates/tournaments. It is possible that a couple of weeknight tri-matches will be added. Those matches are usually scheduled to start between 5:00-8:00pm. At Saturday play dates/tournaments, teams can play anywhere from 3-6 matches. Some play dates don't release schedules until the week of the tournament. Please block out the entire day and night when your child has a play date until the schedule has been released. Practices begin August 11th. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm. We will not have any practices, matches or tournaments September 2nd-5th, so feel free to plan a trip over Labor Day weekend.

Coaching Staff

I will be your program director this year. The Black team will be coached by Michelle Sims and the White team will be coached by Lauren Sheets.

Parent Volunteers

We are in search of parent volunteers. Volunteers will help with check-in at tryouts and coordinate the end of season celebration.

Once teams have been formed, we will also need 1-2 team parents for each team. They will be asked to send match scores to me, coordinate the parent officiating schedule, coordinate food tables for the 4 Saturday tournaments, distribute spirit wear, assist with the end of season celebration, and assist with team communication, if needed.

Player Expectations

If your daughter makes a team, they are expected to attend ALL practices and games.

All team players must attend Junior Raider Night in entirety- this is not optional and will affect playing time, if skipped. All players get free admittance to the varsity volleyball game on Junior Raider Night. Junior Raiders sit together to watch the game and get announced in between matches! It's a blast and the varsity girls love having us there! Jr. Raider Night is TBD, but will be on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Poor sportsmanship or inappropriate behavior will result in game suspension or removal from the team. The girls represent the Alpharetta HS volleyball program and inappropriate behavior on or off the court will not be tolerated. No exceptions.

Parent Expectations

All parents of competitive teams players will have to officiate (line judge and keep score) multiple matches during the season.

Parents are also responsible to pay the activity fee. Fees are due on August 11th.

We will not have any type of arranged carpool or school buses to and from volleyball practices and matches. It is your responsibility to get your daughter to the practices and games at the time requested by the coach.

Parents are also expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, as you represent the Alpharetta HS volleyball program too.

Summer Playing Opportunities

Our varsity program is hosting a summer camp this year! This camp is a great opportunity for your child to meet the AHS coaches and get some reps in before the season begins. Youth camp is open to rising

2nd-9th graders on June 1st-3rd. You can view the camp flyer and registration forms on the high school's website: www.alpharettavolleyball.org. Any questions regarding camp should be directed to our Varsity Head Coach, Grace Fossier at ahsgrace.fossier@gmail.com.

I've included some links on our website to local places to play. If you plan to have your daughter attend summer camps and/or clinics, I'd check that list first.

Important Dates

June 1-3: AHS Youth Volleyball Camp

July 15: Early registration deadline for team tryouts

August 9: Tryouts for rising 5th-8th graders

August 11: Team practice begins

We are looking forward to another great season! Go Raiders!

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