

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 2023 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 14th at 11:30pm. The tryout fee will increase to \$40 if you register your child on July 14th at 11:31pm or later. You can register [here](#). [Promo Code: Tryouts2023 - Valid Thru 7.14.2023 @11:30pm]

Tryouts will be held on Tuesday, August 8th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Aux gym at Alpharetta High School for rising 6th-8th grade girls. **Tryouts are mandatory.** Teams will be contacted by 10:00am on August 9th. You'll need to **bring your child's current physical with you to tryouts.** *The physical must not expire until on or after September 24, 2023.* The physical form is on our website: <http://ahsjrvolleyball.weebly.com> [see bottom of home page].

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept players zoned for schools other than Alpharetta HS this season, unless you played on one of our feeder teams last fall. .

***Nonrefundable**

Fall Programming.

At this time we plan to offer two teams this fall - Black and White. All teams will have rosters of 12-14 players.

Tentative competitive team schedules are posted on our website. The Black and White teams will have weeknight practices and two Saturday play dates/tournaments. 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 afternoon when your child has a play date until the schedule has been released. Practices begin August 9th. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm. *We will not have any practices, matches or tournaments September 4th-8th, so feel free to plan a trip over Labor Day weekend.*

Coaching Staff

The Black team will be coached by Mercedes Pressley [Program Director] 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 2 Saturday tournaments, distribute spirit wear, assist with the end of season celebration, and assist with team communication, if needed.

If interested in assisting with either [or both], please reply back to this email with the subject line "I volunteer".

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

[*Thursday, September 21st*] in entirety. 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!

Poor sportsmanship or inappropriate behavior will result in removal from team consideration the following year [2024]. **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 10th.**

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 player 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 13th-15th. 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 13-15: AHS Youth Volleyball Camp

July 14: Early registration deadline for team tryouts

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

August 9: Team practice begins

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

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Mercedes Pressley [*Coach M.*]

Youth Program Director

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