

Dear Volleyball Parent/Guardian:

I am looking forward to coaching the 8th grade volleyball team again this year. Please take the time to review the following information so all are informed regarding what is expected. Rules for the season are also included.

Being a member of the volleyball team is a 5 day a week commitment. The only reason that a team member would not be at a practice would be that they are sick and home from school. If they have to go home sick from school during the day I am asking that they see me prior to leaving. Being a responsible team member is very important. If they have a doctor's appointment they need to advise me of that in advance. If they miss the entire practice the day before a game they will not be able to play in that match. I realize there are extenuating circumstances that may arise. I ask that they talk to me directly about the situations that effect their missing practices or games.

Practice is always 3:15-4:45 in the intermediate gym. The **only excuses for missing practice are: sick from school, if you become sick during the day and have to leave(see me, athletes know where my office is), and prescheduled Dr.'s appointment.** Athletes will bring all belongings to the intermediate locker room. They will be leaving from the intermediate front door. They should not be going back into the Jr. High after practice. *After away matches they can only be picked up in front of the Jr. High school entrance.* Please be timely in picking your daughter after practices and games. I have other commitments in the evening as well.

We will **not be having practice ON Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th.** We do not practice on weekends, snow days or emergency closing days from school either.

The 8th grade team always plays after the 7th grade team. All 8th grade team members are to be in the gym supporting the 7th grade team from the scheduled start time of their match. For all home matches players are asked to bring all belongings to the intermediate gym where they will have the opportunity to lock their things in the storage room during our match. 8th grade team girls will be ready to **leave after all equipment has been put away.** Thank you for your cooperation.

General information:

1. Home games are held at the intermediate school gym. The 7th grade team plays first followed by the 8th grade team.
2. Your daughter is expected to be at the intermediate gym ready for the game by the start of the 7th grade game.
3. **8th grade team members are responsible for picking up all equipment and putting it away at the conclusion of the match. They cannot leave until all equipment is put away.**
4. For all home matches, the players will bring all belongings to the intermediate gym. All valuables need to be placed in the closet so they can be locked up. The visiting team is allowed to use the locker room.
5. If a player misses practice the day before the game, they will not be playing in the game. They are expected to wear their uniform and warm-up with their team.
6. Players are to ride to and from the match on the school bus. They may ride home with a parent from an away game. The parent must see me at the game to do so.
7. If it is necessary for your daughter to ride home with another parent from an away match, they must have a parent note signed by the Jr. High principal in advance.
8. Your daughter is now a responsible member of a team. She **MUST** have all parts of her uniform on game day to play in the game. She is not allowed to borrow from other players.
9. We do not practice or play on weekends.
10. If school is closed due to weather we do not have practice/game on that day.

If you have you any questions or concerns you can contact me at # 749-1240 ext. 2146. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Randi Patterson
Volleyball Coach

8th Grade Volleyball Rules

1. Volleyball is a 5 day a week commitment. You are expected to be at all practices and games for the entire time. We do not play or practice on the weekends. The only excuse for missing a practice or game is due to personal illness. Haircuts, babysitting, etc. are not excuses for missing a practice or a game. If you have a family emergency, please provide a note from a parent.
2. If you are going home sick from school, come to office or the gym and see me in person. You all know where I am located. If for some reason you cannot find me, put a note on my desk.
3. You are expected to be at all home games dressed and ready to go by the start time of the 7th grade game. We are all in the same volleyball program so you will be cheering for our teammates when they are playing! You will not be wandering around the building.
4. Everyone will be riding the bus to away games.
5. If you want to ride home with your parents from an away game they must see me sometime before or after our game
6. You can ONLY ride home with another players' parent if you have a note giving permission from your parent AND IT IS SIGNED BY THE JR. HIGH PRINCIPAL.
7. You must have all parts to your uniform to play in the game. You cannot borrow from another player. This is part of being a responsible team member.
8. You must be at the practice the day before the game to play in the game.
9. If you are missing practice due to a doctor's appointment you must provide a note in advance.
10. You cannot leave from a home match until all equipment is picked up and put in the proper place!
11. You are expected to be a good citizen of the Homer Central School District in and outside of school. ***If you receive 2 referrals from teachers, you will not play in the next match. 3 referrals result in a 3-5PM Detention and you will no longer be part of the volleyball team.***
12. Food and drink are not allowed in the gym. We have water fountain in the locker room. If you have a water bottle it must stay in the hallway from the locker room. I do provide times to get drinks.

13. Valuables need to be placed in the closet so we can lock them up at home games.
14. All belongings are to be brought to the intermediate school prior to practice and games. You are not to go back to the Jr. High afterwards.
15. **There will be no volleyball group chat on social media!**

****No practice on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th****

No School = No Practice/Game

Emergency closings (snow days) = no game or practice

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____