

Hello volleyball families!

Please see below for the evaluation dates associated with our 2018 fall volleyball season. There will be two evaluations for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grades...both held at Sports Express Volleyball Center (5280 OH-741, Mason).

While attendance at both is not mandatory, we do recommend that you try to attend both evaluations. In 6th, 7th and 8th grades, we introduce peered/competitive teams, in addition to balanced/recreational teams.

In order to be considered for an A or B (peered/competitive) team, you must attend at least one evaluation. HOWEVER, if you want your child to be considered for an A or B (peered/competitive) team, we STRONGLY recommend that you try to attend BOTH evaluations.

If you would like your daughter to be considered for only a C (recreational) team, please see the policy below which requires you to notify me and Paula Schafer (Girls Athletic Director) via email, before the first evaluation.

Skills Evaluations

Incoming 6th Grade – Saturday, May 19th from 9-11am @ Sports Express

Incoming 7th Grade – Saturday, May 19th from 11-12:30pm @ Sports Express

Incoming 8th Grade – Saturday, May 19th from 12:30-2pm @ Sports Express

Scrimmage/Skills Evaluations

Incoming 6th Grade – Tuesday, May 22th from 4:30-6pm @ Sports Express

Incoming 7th Grade – Sunday, May 20th from 1-2:30pm @ Sports Express

Incoming 8th Grade – Sunday, May 20th from 2:30-4pm @ Sports Express

PLEASE READ section 6.4 below from our Booster's handbook in regards to athlete eligibility:

All athletes in grades 6-8 that register and participate in evaluations will be considered for the competitive (A and B levels) and recreational (C level) teams. If parents do not want their child to be considered for the competitive teams they need to notify the Coordinator and Athletic Director in writing (via email) before the first evaluation. Both the A and B Teams are considered to be competitive teams. Parents do not have the option of declaring their child to only be eligible for the A or B Team only. Once evaluations are completed, the athlete must play for the team for which they were selected. For example, if an athlete is selected for the A Team the athlete does not have the option of declining the roster spot

and playing for the B Team. A student athlete who quits a team after evaluations have been completed or during the season is not eligible for a competitive team in any sport the following year.

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What are the evaluators looking for in their assessments?

Serving – How well you execute and control your serve including power, strength and accuracy.

Passing – How well you move to the ball, your body position and balance along with the accuracy of your pass

Setting – How well you move to the ball, body position, balance, control and accuracy of your set

Attacking/Hitting – Your approach, timing, strength, power and accuracy of your attack.

Dig & Block – These are skills not specifically evaluated but may be noted during the scrimmage.

Game situations – During the scrimmage, how well does the player put all the skills together and function as a member of the team. How well do they communicate and execute.

What are the coaches looking for in their assessments?

In addition to how well the girls execute the skills and perform in the scrimmage, coaches will be looking for character skills as well. These include items such as listening, being enthusiastic, demonstrating teamwork and portraying a positive attitude. Besides being a key part of the game, these are also core values for which the St. Susanna Booster Ministry is founded.

What if I can't make one of the evaluations?

First and foremost, every girl will be placed on a team regardless of evaluation attendance. In 6th, 7th and 8th, we introduce peered teams in addition to traditional balanced teams. In order to be considered for a peered team, you must attend at least one evaluation. If you have a full or partial conflict and can't attend the entire session, please let me know. We will try and fit in as much of the evaluation as possible.

What is peered (competitive) vs balanced (recreational) vs A-B-C?

Teams that are peered have girls of similar skills and abilities. Teams that are balanced, distribute the skills across the teams in an attempt to make each team equal in ability. When you hear the term A-B-C, this is another way of representing peered and balanced. A & B teams are peered/competitive; the remaining teams are balanced/recreational. Regardless of a girls' team

assignment, our objectives are to have fun, learn and continue our faith formation. We are a volunteer, faith based ministry that plays sports.

My daughter did not make the “A” team last year, can she make it this year?

Each year we start with a clean slate. The team your daughter made last year will not necessarily be the team she makes this year. Girls are developing at different rates. Our evaluation process is designed to give each girl a fair opportunity. If you have concerns, I would be more than happy to discuss.

My daughter goes to a public school (Mason, Lakota, Kings, etc.) and will be trying out her 7th/8th grade team, can she still play for St. Susanna?

There are no GCCYS restrictions related to public school teams; however public schools are bound by OHSAA (Ohio High School Athletic Association) playing requirements. If your daughter plays 7th or 8th grade volleyball for one of the public schools in the fall, she would not be able to play for St. Susanna without being made ineligible to play for her public school team. So essentially, she cannot play for both schools. As our Boosters program is a Parish ministry, we always welcome and encourage all of our Parish youth to participate in St. Susanna sports programs. If your daughter plans to try out for her public school team in August, she can still tryout for St. Susanna volleyball in May. However, this year we are asking players and parents to really try and choose one program or the other. Since our Parish and public school seasons were aligned a few years ago, it has created several challenges for our program. For example, last year we had to combine 3 teams into 2 teams, and the league had to re-do their game schedule. We really want and encourage as many girls to play volleyball for our program as possible, but we suggest you take some time to consider the differences:

- St. Sue teams have fewer practices during the week than most public school teams.
- St. Sue’s season runs August through early November. The volleyball season at public schools tends to be a bit shorter maybe by 2-3 weeks.
- St. Sue teams are divided in to A (competitive), B (competitive) and C (recreational) teams, whereas some public schools may create balanced teams.

So, if your daughter still chooses to try out for both and plans to accept her public school team if offered, please let me know before our St. Susanna evaluations.

This will neither impact the team to which she is assigned nor lock her into any

decision. If your daughter chooses to attend one or more of our St. Susanna evaluations, please note the non-refundable registration fee is still required to be paid in full before our evaluations in May. This essentially holds a spot for her on one of our St. Susanna teams, but does not require her to play for St. Susanna if she later accepts a position on her public school team.

My daughter plays another sport that competes with GCCYS Volleyball, is this okay?

If your daughter is placed on the top peer teams, St. Susanna volleyball is expected to be the priority, both for games and practices. If you have specific questions, please contact me.

PLEASE make sure your Booster's account is update to date and paid in full before evaluations.

And lastly...WE STILL NEED COACHES FOR OUR B & C TEAMS!! If you are interested or have questions, I'd LOVE to talk to you!

Thank you! I look forward to another great year!

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