



Kickapoo Volleyball Player/Parent Meeting

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Introduction of coaches and thoughts for the year

- ❖ Mission statement: The mission of the Kickapoo Volleyball is to build a team of high character that works toward common goals through healthy competition and playing at the highest level.
- ❖ 2020 Focus – “Our Story”
 - The only thing that matters is our team, and creating our own memories and taking complete ownership in our outcomes. We will deal with any obstacle that comes our way and choose solutions that benefit the whole. This season is OUR STORY and we are the authors.
- ❖ We must hang together; else we shall all hang separately. – Benjamin Franklin upon signing the Declaration of Independence.
- ❖ Push yourself to places you have not been before. You’ll find you just might like it there.
- ❖ At a potluck dinner, everybody brings something different to the meal, but we all get to enjoy the feast.
- ❖ It’s what you learn after you know is all that counts.
- ❖ The difference between investing and committing is a lot like building an omelet. The chicken makes an investment, but the pig makes a commitment.
- ❖ Each individual needs to be responsible for her piece of the puzzle. How does our picture look?

Player Expectations

- Represent the team, be with the team, be the team.
- All KHS and SPS handbook rules apply
 - Same season/same sport
- Attendance - 100% attendance is expected.
 - School absences
 - Full attendance during the day is required for competition that evening.
 - If you have a doctor’s appointment on a day of competition email Scot Phillips ASAP.
 - If it is not a planned absence, please let the coaches know ASAP.
 - Volleyball absences
 - Excused absences – anything the school deems excused.
 - One excused absence is allowed with a make-up workout.
 - Second excused absence will be dealt with on an individual level.
 - Unexcused absences – family choices, skips, personal reasons
 - One unexcused absence is allowed with a make-up workout.
 - Second unexcused absence will be dealt with on an individual level and could be loss of position on the team.

- An absence, of any kind, the day before a game will result in the player sitting out the next game.
- Tardiness
 - Communicate with coaches beforehand about school activities
 - Habitual tardiness is not acceptable and will be dealt with on an individual level.
- Team bonding activities

Communication

- Coaches have an open door policy where players are expected to communicate about skills, individual development, team development, goals, frustrations, confusion, or anything they feel about their growth as a player.
- Line of communication
 - Player/coach
 - Player/coach/athletic director/parent
- Email –address Coach Adams with all communication.
- Texting – use for emergencies or logistics only and please refrain from non-school or non-volleyball times of day
- Notification of event information will be sent out on “remind” texts. If the message is too long then it will be posted on www.kickapoovolleyball.com and a remind text will be sent out that a new post has been made.

Academics

- Be proactive. Communicate with coaches if you are struggling in a class. We are here to help you succeed in all areas.
- Communicate with your teachers the dates and times you will miss class.
- All grades “C-” or higher required for playing time. (2019 GPA – Varsity: 3.88, JV: 3.70, F: 3.78)
- Weekly grade checks are due Friday at practice.
- If a player gets a referral from a teacher/administration we will handle it on an individual basis. KHS requires ISS to be served before competition.

Playing time

- Take advantage of opportunities to grow in practice - work to be irreplaceable.
- The rotations will be a continual work in progress (new/different positions, “starting line-up”, front row vs. back row)
- Players will have an equal responsibility on the team, which does not necessarily mean equal playing time.

Game day expectations/travel expectations

- Dress up for home games/team attire for away games (decided by the team)
- Be with the team, be with the team, be with the team (limit cell phone use and other distractions)
- The teams that are not playing should be at the games when warm up starts.
- Home games – everyone is released when the gym is picked up

- Away games – pick up the locker room; ride home on the bus
- Tournaments – teams not playing in a home tournament will have responsibilities.

Injuries/sickness

- If you are injured, please communicate with a coach and see a trainer. Coaches will communicate with trainers and make a plan for recovery. The trainer is available at 2:30 each day unless a request is made.
- If you are sick, go home. When you are healthy the coaches will decide how to get you back in the game.

Booster Club

The Booster Club promotes and supports the program in so many ways! Thank you for supplementing the teams' needs!

- SPS funds: transportation, net systems, transportation, officials' fees, and jerseys
- Booster Club funds: pregame meals (Subway, Bair's, Tropical Smoothie, Chic-fil-a, and Pasta Express), Future volleychiefs, alumni, teacher appreciation, throwing mini-volleyballs at games, snacks and drinks for away games, stat equipment, videoing equipment, hospitality rooms at tournaments, end of season banquet, senior night, etc

Parent Expectations

Thank you for.....

- Driving your child to and from practice/games
- Line judging
 - We have most regular season games covered, but will need parents to step in at tournaments.
 - See sign-up sheet
- Hydrating our girls on jamboree night
- Doing your part to help the booster club function
- Telling your child that the coach is always right 😊
- For not yelling at the officials
- "sleeping on it" before expressing concerns
- Bringing your positivity to every game
- Encouraging your child to speak with the coaches themselves
- Cheering and not coaching... we will give you the "hush"
- Impromptu big win celebrations in the parking lot
- Keeping up with our crazy schedule and
- Supporting the program in every way! The success of the volleyball program is a direct reflection of the support system.