

Creating a Boys Volleyball Team at Your School

- Identify a Need for a Program at the School
 - Is there enough interest in the student population to field a team?
 - What is the minimum number of athlete needed to start a program?
 - What other sports are offered at the same time that may draw athletes away?
 - Offer a sign up sheet/day for students to indicate their interest.
 - Categorize the interested players
 - Upper classmen are great to spark interest and persuade administrators
 - Under classmen involvement indicates longevity and sustainability
 - Past experience vs. novice
 - What other school teams exist in the area for scheduling competition
 - Contact Principal and AD at those schools for additional support
 - Notify the Athletic Director of intentions to pursue starting a team and identify any major unknown barriers that would prevent the creation of a new team at the school

- Identify a Coach
 - Willing to commit time to start a new program
 - Willing to approach the school administration
 - Willing to actively recruit additional players

- Create an Advocacy Group
 - Interested Players
 - Supportive Parents
 - Local Volleyball clubs/supporters
 - Coaches

- Connect with the Athletic Director and Principal
 - Notify them that you are surveying interest in starting a team
 - Provide a list of interested players
 - Provide the names of interested coaches

- Enlist Players
 - Urge interested players to promote the team and encourage a friends to join
 - Work with school personnel to get the word out
 - Schedule a team meeting for interested players
 - Before school, after school, lunches, homeroom
 - Use daily announcements to promote the meeting
 - Obtain the school rules and guidelines for posting flyers
 - Produce interesting and inviting posters
 - Schedule when flyers will be posted and removed
 - Get the school newspaper to do a feature article about the team
 - Use school newsletters and mailings to announce the start of a team
 - Involve the girls coach as much as possible
 - Seek support from PE Teachers to promote participation

- Keep the Athletic Director and Principal advised of all activities
- Involve the potential coach in all activities
- Seek School Approval for Starting a Team
 - Meet with administration; athletic director, principal, superintendent
 - Indicate the desired impact of starting a team
 - Provide them with the proposed annual budget for the team
 - Coach salaries
 - Transportation
 - Equipment
 - Officials
 - Uniforms
 - Awards
 - Trainer/Training supplies
 - Facility use fees
 - Custodial fees
 - Gate Fees / Product Sales (e.g., t-shirts) INCOME
 - Seek input for unforeseen costs
 - Discuss facility usage issues including the potential practice schedule
 - Have a proposed plan for transportation issues
 - Have an established start and end of the season
 - Provide a tentative competition schedule including potential opponents
 - Have procedures established for home competitions
 - Prepare and example of team rules and guidelines for
 - Players
 - Parents
 - Coaches
 - Provide administrators with contact information from other local schools
 - Athletic Directors
 - Opposing team coaches.
 - Volleyball Coaches Association
- Organize Parents
 - Form a booster club in cooperation with the Athletic Department
 - Create a team roster including parent's names and contact information
 - Encourage participation by parents but not be forceful or intimidating
 - Provide a list of areas needed support and duties associated with each area
 - Fund Raising
 - Concession booths
 - Hospitality for visiting teams
 - Team Parents
 - Event Management (ticket takers, ushers, crowd control, program sales, etc.)
- Contact Boys Volleyball Association or Volleyball Coaches Association.

- Let them know of your intention to start a boys' team
- Ask for help to schedule competitions and officials
- Seek their advice since they have been in your situation

- Involve high school players with middle school and elementary players
 - Form teams within the school district for younger players and have high school players coach
 - High school players host a clinic for younger players
 - Host a weekend festival/tournament for younger players
 - Play grass or sand with 2 or 4 players
 - Use a very public park to promote the event and draw spectators
 - Have a high school scrimmage so the young players can watch the high school players

- Get players involved with camps, clinics, and club teams
 - Host a clinic for players at your school for all teams in your area
 - Host a coaches clinic at your school
 - Establish your school as “the” school for boys' volleyball in your area or state