

Player Evaluation Information

TEAM TRYOUT SESSIONS

SENIORS/JUNIORS Attend the **Varsity tryout** sessions.

SOPHOMORES/FRESHMEN Attend the **Junior Varsity/Freshman** tryout sessions.

Please verify the tryout schedule and times for your class—the complete schedule can be found online at www.nighthawkvolleyball.com. Freshman **may not tryout** for the Varsity Team; Sophomores may participate in the Varsity Team Tryouts **by invitation only**. Please see the Head Coach if you have any questions.

All tryout sessions will begin on time – please plan on checking in at least 15 minutes prior to the start time.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE

All prospective student-athletes **must be cleared through the Ironwood Ridge Athletic Office** before being permitted to tryout for **any** sport on campus. Once all paperwork and parent signatures are correctly turned in, the Athletic Office will issue a **clearance slip**. Please bring this slip to check-in at tryouts.

Athletes without proper clearance will not be allowed to participate - **no exceptions**.

Please be cleared by **August 1, 2020** to avoid any unforeseen delays with the paperwork or requirements. Missing a significant number of sessions could adversely effect a student-athletes placement on a team...

WHAT TO EXPECT AT VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Expect to work hard. Volleyball is a team sport where everyone works hard together. The goal of the coaching staff is to place players in the best situation for the success of the program first, then each team, and finally, the players' individual development. Competition for a team uniform, playing time, and/or a starting position will be intense. We believe that selection to a high school team is an honor and privilege.

Player Evaluations (at all levels) will include the following:

Attitude Evaluation: Each training session is designed to incorporate practice-like instruction and feedback from the volleyball coaching staff. Prospective student-athletes will be evaluated on their **coachability**, motivation, and maturity. Students with campus discipline issues may not be considered.

Athletic Testing: All prospective student-athletes will be put through a series of physical testing to measure each athletes overall athletic ability and level of conditioning.

Skill/Competition Evaluation: The final criteria will be a comprehensive evaluation of how well student-athletes respond in competitive situations. Skill and positional need is considered during this evaluation.

Player Interview: The staff will ask candidates what they believe their contribution to the program will be.

VARSITY PLAYER EVALUATION CRITERIA

Participating athletes must possess a working knowledge of offensive/defensive systems and terminology that is consistent with that of the Nighthawk Volleyball system. Athletes must also possess a level of athleticism, fitness, and technical ability consistent with that of a high level varsity players.

Team selections for the top players will be based on results from a **Competitive Matrix** that will score and rank each varsity candidate's athletic ability and level of competitiveness. Further criteria will include the positional needs of the team as well as a **Player Interview** to discuss each candidate's character—meaning their conduct on and off the court, citizenship, commitment, and the candidate's academic performance.

Academically ineligible players will not be considered for the varsity team.

JUNIOR VARSITY; and FRESHMAN EVALUATION CRITERIA

Selection will be based mainly on the potential for improvement. The main criteria for each prospective player (in this order) will be:

1. **Attitude** (it must be positive and competitive)
2. **Athletic Ability** (including quantitative athletic testing)
3. **Positional skill and/or Potential**

The main criteria for our **Freshman Team** will be coachable players that have a great work ethic and possess the ability to learn offensive/defensive systems. Prior volleyball experience may help, **but is not required**.

Junior Varsity athletes must possess a working knowledge of offensive/defensive systems consistent with that of a typical varsity program. Athletes must also possess a level of fitness and technical ability consistent with of a mid-level varsity player. Other criteria may include the candidate's academic performance and conduct on and off the court on campus. Academically ineligible players may not be selected in most cases.

The Ironwood Ridge Volleyball coaching staff will conduct all evaluations.

Questions regarding the Player Evaluations or Team Selections should be directed to Head Volleyball Coach Bill Lang at blang@amphi.com.