



## **PARK WEST**

**SCHOOL DIVISION**

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Dear Parents,

Your child has indicated that he is interested in playing Middle Years Volleyball at Hamiota Collegiate this year. This is an informational letter for you outlining the expectations and commitment necessary to make the season a successful one. The schedule is not finalized yet but once it is available, we will give your child a copy.

### **Fees**

- The fee will be **\$30.00** for middle years volleyball this year. **Payable to Hamiota Collegiate**

### **Practices**

- Our practices will be on **Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 (or possibly 6:00)** until the mini-tournaments begin. The mini tournaments are usually on Thursday. (See Schedule)
- Your child should inform the coaching staff if they are unable to attend a practice or a tournament.
- Your child can stay at the school while waiting for practice to start at 4:30. It is expected that your child will not be running around the school or hanging out at the girls practice. If this is happening, your child will be asked to go home until practice time. Your child could use this time to have a snack or work on homework. There will be no teacher supervisor at this time. Some students go downtown to get snacks. This is something you will need to discuss with your child.
- Your child must wear running shoes when playing volleyball.
- It is also recommended that your child have a pair of knee pads.
- It is also expected that **no jewelry** is worn during practices and games.
- If your child has long hair, he should have it in a ponytail when practicing and playing games.

### Mini-Tournaments

- Your child will receive a jersey before the first mini-tournament. He will need to take care of the jersey and have it to wear at each mini-tournament. It will be collected at the end of the last tournament by the coaches.
- Your child will need to have a pair of shorts to wear with their jersey. Most of the boys usually wear a black pair to go with our school colours.
- We use buses to transport the players to and from the mini-tournaments.
- If your child is going home with another parent, adult, or friend after a mini-tournament, we must have a note, a phone call, text, or email informing us of who they are traveling with and that you have given them permission, otherwise they must come home with the rest of the team.
- It is difficult to know what time the mini-tournaments will end. Your child will have access to a cell phone to call you when we are leaving a particular town, so that you will be able to meet your child at the school. It can be anywhere from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm depending on where we are playing.
- Schools usually have a canteen, but if they don't, players will be notified in advance.
- When going to other schools, it is important for your child to look after his belongings. It is your child's own risk when taking electronics. We try to either pile all our bags in one area or take them on the bench with us to prevent lost or stolen items.
- During mini-tournaments, your child is expected to stay in the school. He is to be either eating, or watching other teams play. Often there are areas where teams can hang out until it is their turn. Players must be aware of the schedule and be ready to play when it is their turn.
- Your child must be respectful of the other buildings we visit. No one is to be running around the school.
- When leaving the school before or after a tournament, **your child must have pants and a jacket.** Most boys bring a pair of track pants and sweatshirts to put on over their uniform when traveling to and from other schools.
- **Parents** please respect the 24-hour wait period found in the Park West School Division Coaching Practices Handbook before discussing an event or a concern with your child's coach.

We are excited about a new season of volleyball and we hope your child is too. Remember if there is something you are unsure of please give us a call or email.

Coaches,  
Mr. Sheldon Gurr  
Mr. Tannas

## **MIDDLE YEARS VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

**As more information becomes available, we will provide you with more practice and tournament dates and times.**

Date	Time
Tuesday, September 10	3:30-4:30
Thursday, September 12	4:30-5:30
Tuesday, September 17	3:30-4:30
Thursday, September 19	4:30-5:30
Tuesday, September 24	No Practice (PD Day in Hamiota)
Thursday, September 26	4:30-5:30

See mini tournament schedule when published (this will also go on the Hamiota Collegiate Website)