

Coaches - Ms. Parrott, Mrs. Orlandi, Ms. Barron, and Mr. Brown SMS Modified Sports Athletic Director - Mr. Roemer

Welcome to the exciting game of volleyball! We want everyone to learn the sport while being part of a team. We also want everyone to have a fun, yet safe season while displaying proper sportsmanship. Below are the policies and procedures for participation:

- 1) All players must complete a <u>SMS Sports Clearance</u> Form before participating in practices.
- 2) According to league rules, players must attend 6 practices to be eligible to play in games.
- 3) The players will be divided into two teams, the Maroon team (coached by Ms. Orlandi and Mr. Brown) and the White team (coached by Ms. Parrott and Ms. Barron). We try to balance the two teams as best as possible based on skill level. Players who played on either the maroon or white teams as a 7th grader will remain on that team when they return as an 8th grader.
- 4) Due to the <u>very</u> large number of students participating in the modified volleyball program, each of the two teams will be further split to groups of red, blue, green, and scrimmage squad members. Players with the highest level of skill will be on the red squad and it will consist of mostly 8th graders. This group will go to every game. Some team members in both 7th and 8th grades will be divided between the yellow, blue and green squads and will attend three games each as indicated on the schedule. Lastly, scrimmage squad players will not attend any official games, but will have a special round-robin in-house tournament towards the end of the season. The scrimmage squad will be comprised of 7th and 8th graders whose skills are not yet ready for interscholastic level of play.
- 5) Practices are Tuesday through Friday from 2:45 4:30 (4:00 on Fridays) for color squads and 2:45 3:30 for the scrimmage squad (players will be able to take the late bus). If a player attends extra help they must come to practice with a late pass from the teacher. If they come to a practice or game, then they should have participated in PE class that day no excuses.
- 6) Games start at 4:45 pm and will run approximately 1 1.5 hours. Schedules will be handed out after the two teams are established.
- 7) If a player is not scheduled to attend a game, they are not required to be at volleyball that day. They are welcome to watch the game or run the scoreboard, but they can also feel free to attend extra help or catch up on any other activities away from volleyball.

- 8) At this level, we play three games to 25 points. Points are scored on every serve (rally scoring). The team that wins two out of three games wins the match. All three games are played regardless of necessity. Every player will get court time during a match, but <u>not</u> all players will get <u>equal</u> court time. Some of the advanced players may play more than other players. No player will sit out an entire match except for extenuating circumstances or if they did not attend the required number of practices.
- 9) All players are expected to ride the team bus to and from the away games. If a parent needs to take their child home, please email Mr. Roemer at kroemer@scarsdaleschools.org and the players' coaches to obtain permission. White Team: cparrott@scarsdaleschools.org and abarron@scarsdaleschools.org.
 Maroon Team: corlandi@scarsdaleschools.org and mbrown@scarsdaleschools.org.
- 10) In order to build team spirit, we encourage family members and friends to attend home games and, if possible, away games. Directions to all schools are posted on the Scarsdale High School Athletic department web site.
- 11) Volleyball apparel will be available through an online store.
- 12) It is the home team's responsibility to set up and take down the venue (net, chairs, scoring table, etc). At home games all players must stay and help put away equipment. Players may only leave when the coach dismisses the team.

Required items

- 1) Suitable *athletic* sneakers.
- 2) Black knee pads
- 3) Black shorts or black spandex shorts nothing written on them

The team will supply jerseys which must be handed in at the end of the season. A deposit check for \$40 payable to Scarsdale UFSD is required for the jersey. Once the jersey is turned in at the end of the season, the deposit check will be returned.



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| (player signature) | Date |