



HOW TO START A BOYS HS TEAM

Team Administration/Financials

Two different tracks have been used to startup boys volleyball teams in Georgia High Schools. You can choose to run the team as a club through the high school or run the team through an existing booster club.

- **School Clubs:** If you choose to be a school club, you may need to request this at the beginning of the school year, not in the spring when you form the team. School clubs have all players dues/money paid to their high school and the school bookkeeper cuts checks for your team expenses.
- **Booster Clubs:** Many schools have girls volleyball booster clubs or an overall athletic booster club. If booster clubs are the base for your support, the booster treasurer will administer your finances.

Every school has different rules regarding what they pay for at their school, but these are some items to consider for budgeting: coaches stipend, equipment and balls, gym fees, insurance, officials fees, playdate/tournament fees, practice t-shirts, pre-game meals, uniforms and website fees. Player fees charged by established boys teams range from \$50 - \$250, depending on what is provided to the team. Most schools will require players to fill out the standard forms used for other sports at the school and to get a physical done before starting practice.

The Southern Region of USA Volleyball (SRVA) is offering a grant of up to \$1,000 to all Georgia high schools that startup a boys volleyball team. Details about the grant will be posted on the website by November, 2026.

Coaching

Head girls coaches are involved at almost all schools that play boys volleyball. If the varsity girls coach at your school is not available, try other options for coaching. JV or freshman girls coaches, community coaches, parents and even senior female HS players can be involved with coaching. Most counties require criminal background checks for all community coaches, at a minimum. All public schools require a teacher or administrator at the school to coach or sponsor the sport. In coaching a new boys team, keep in mind that teaching fundamentals, rules and rotations will be critical. Most players join the team with no previous volleyball experience.

Uniforms/Equipment/Officiating

- Use GHSA numbering rules (centered, 6" minimum on back and 4" minimum on front) and don't use the number "0."
- R1 officials can be scheduled with Michelle Prater of AAVA at praterm11@gmail.com or some schools have used JV coaches or community coaches to help officiate.
- Molten Flistatec balls are the standard ball for boys/mens volleyball, but most schools are using whatever the girls program has on hand to get started.

What you can do to get things started at your school

- Contact your girls head volleyball coach and ask for their support, particularly in using their equipment. Find out what they might need in terms of nets, balls, etc., so your boys club can help pay for these items for the benefit of all programs.
- Contact your athletic director and principal and ask for their support and specifically find out if they will consent to a spring sport using the gym.
- Contact your volleyball booster club, if they are allowed to help at your school.
- Determine the organizational structure you will need for your club – will you run it through the school as a club or through the girls volleyball booster club?
- Get your club approved by your HS administration in the fall or at least start the conversation at this time.
- Find coaches to help and determine how/if you can pay them your first year.
- Get a practice schedule together and submit it to your administration at the school.
- Get a budget together to determine what your player fees will be.
- Have a parent information meeting in early January to determine interest in a boys volleyball team at your school.
- Start scheduling matches with other schools by mid-late January.

Contact

If you have questions or if you want to start a team at your high school and you need help, please contact Deb Pia at debpia7@gmail.com. Deb was a community coach at Johns Creek HS for six years and is the founder/director of Boys Volleyball of Georgia, a non-profit that is designed to grow boys volleyball in Georgia. For up-to-date boys high school volleyball information, visit www.boysvolleyballofgeorgia.net