

Desert Pines Sports League Schedule and Procedures

Dear Coaches and Administrators,

Welcome to the Desert Pine Sports league for the 2022-23 school year. To help understand the logistics of the league, here are some foundational points. First, the league is Co-ed. The purpose of this league is to provide a competitive atmosphere that also promotes cooperation, education, and the value of fair play. All students in grades 5th-8th are welcome to join, but students who **turn 15 before September 1st are not eligible to compete.** Students in younger grades may also play if the school agrees to it. 5th -6th grade students make up what are called Junior Varsity squads. 7th -8th grade students make up Varsity squads. Students in grades 5th -6th are allowed to move up to the Varsity squads **but 7th - 8th grade students are not permitted** to play on JV squads. Also, students enrolled in other schools are not eligible to compete in this league. Home school students are eligible. Each school provides their own standard of eligibility regarding who will be allowed to play and who will not. Remember that although competition is important and healthy, it is not the only reason this league exists. All schools in this league understand that this league is built on fairness and camaraderie among the players, the coaches, the parents and the schools. As such, it is compulsory that everyone participating in these roles comport themselves with dignity and respect. This includes the treatment of officials. Lastly, please let everyone know if your school will be participating in JV or Varsity only, or both.

The following is the list of scheduled events for the year. As this is created before the seasons begin, it is possible that changes will need to be made. If any changes need to be made, please contact the opponent school and the league president to make the arrangements. Below you will find a list of participating schools, their main contact people and ways to communicate with them. Any questions can be referred to the league president for clarification. Thank you so much for your time and dedication to youth sports.

School Contacts/Athletic Directors

| <i>School</i> | <i>Contact</i> | <i>Phone</i> | <i>Email</i> |
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| George Washington Academy (GWA) | Dawn Blair | | dblair@edkey.org |
| Holbrook Indian School (HIS) | Arbee Tabo | (909) 725-4159 | atabo@hissda.org |
| Mountain Christian School (MCS) | Meagan Moldrem | (520)288-6978 | mmoldrem@mcsaz.org |
| Native American Christian Academy | Justin Waugh | (928)524-6211 | justinw@naca-az.org |
| Payson Community Christian School (PCCS) | Beth Campbell | (928)474-8050 | ecampbell@pcspayson.org.m ./ |
| Sequoia Village School | Holly Honea | | hhonea@edkey.org |
| St Anthony Catholic School (SACS) | Samaria Mallow Heidi Sturm | 928-594-0660 (928)242-9356 | sburnette@gmail.com admin@stantschool.org |
| Tonto Basin School (TBS) | Cathy Jo Ewing | (928)978-555 | cjewing@tontobasinschool.org |
| <u>Pine Elementary School</u> | <u>Megan Ward</u> | <u>(928)476-3283</u> | <u>mward@pineesd.org</u> <u>(928)202-7689</u> |

Cross Country 2022

All races will begin at 3:30 pm with the JV race unless the host school makes other arrangements. JV (5th/6th) teams will run approximately 1.2 miles and Varsity (7th/8th) will run approximately 2.4 miles. The top 3 runners in each division will receive a ribbon or medal supplied by the host school. The winning team in each division will receive a certificate from the host school.

Both JV and Varsity teams will have no more than 7 members each. At the start of each race, schools will each place their top 2 runners on the start line, with their next 2 runners behind them and so on to alleviate overcrowding at the start line. Team scores will be determined by adding the finish place of the top 5 runners from each school to obtain a team score. In the case of a team tie, the 6th runners from each school will be looked at. If a team does not have a 6th runner, the place of each school's 4th place runner will be used. The additional runners from each school will be allowed to compete but their place will not count toward the team score, nor will it displace any other competitor's place. The league will supply 3x5 index cards numbered 1-50 to give to runners as they cross the finish line. Times will be recorded. As runners finish, they will give their card to their coach who will then return the cards to the head judge for final scoring. Each host school is responsible for properly marking the course and providing on-course race officials. The league will provide a Head Judge, Timer, Recorder, and Finish Line judge who will hand out cards. Those positions will need to be determined before the first race.

September 8th Woodland Lake Hosted by St. Anthony's
September 15th Green Valley Park Hosted by Tonto Basin
September 22nd Holbrook Indian School
September 28th or 29th League Championship @Freeman Park
Hosted by GWA

