



HEARTS Volleyball Information

What does HEARTS sports offer?

We offer Christ-centered sports programs for Christian home-school students. HEARTS sports teams are one way we challenge and encourage homeschool students to honor God in all things, and to grow in their walk with Jesus through athletics. HEARTS volleyball program has a long history of successful competition and league championships, including a five-time ACSI or OCSAA state championship, and a two-time NACA (National Association of Christian Athletics) national championship. As an ACSI member school, HEARTS athletes are eligible for the ACSI Distinguished Student award.

When does the season start and end?

- Official practices begin in August and end in October
- There are optional conditioning opportunities and open gyms beginning in June
- The first scrimmage is typically in August and this year, the varsity season ends with the regional (NACA) tournament hosted by HEARTS at Spirit Volleyball in Elyria and possibly State Championships with OCSAA
- There will be a season kick-off meeting at the start of the season and a fall banquet in October

Where are the practices and games?

The practices and home games are at Spirit Volleyball Club in Elyria (41740 Schadden Rd, Elyria). The away games are in the greater Cleveland area.

How much will it cost?

For HEARTS members, cost typically run \$150 per student for 5th grade practice team, \$350 for middle school and \$500 for the JV and Varsity team, plus the cost of uniforms and tournaments. Tournament and uniform fees depend on the number of players. This past year the JV and Varsity team travelled to a tournament in Cincinnati. As always, **we attempt to keep costs down and raise needed funds in other ways through parent initiated fundraising activities.**

You must be a HEARTS member to participate in our sports programs. Membership options include a basic membership (\$100), which covers all sports, ACSI, social and testing for a school year, or full membership which includes Friday classes and access to all HEARTS programs.

There is a new payment policy that has been put in place and will be implemented and effective for the 2023 season. All membership and volleyball fees must be paid prior to the first game of the season. Your child will not be able to play if there is an outstanding balance.

What teams are available and how many participate?

The available teams depend on the number of interested families. Our goal is to have a girls Middle School team, a Junior Varsity and a Varsity team. Your child will participate in all practices, team effort and work ethic will determine playing time.

How can I help?

Each family is expected to help by signing up for ministry assistant positions (MAP). There will be a sign-up at the start of the season and everyone is required to help. Parents take turns working admission, line judging, keeping statistics, scoreboard, and concessions at each home game. Additional responsibilities may include coordinating fundraisers, coordinating HEARTS lunches and bake sales, coordinating senior night, taking team photos, ordering team uniforms.

There will be fundraising and /or booster activities throughout the year. One typical fundraising event is Friday lunches and bake sales during HEARTS classes, and concessions at volleyball events. Each family provides baked goods for the bake sale and the team members work the sale. At least one adult will oversee the event and handle the money. Most lunches and concessions are purchased and resold for a modest profit at HEARTS classes, but sometimes the team will prepare the food with each family contributing and/or receive donations from third-parties, for an even greater profit.

Additionally, HEARTS has been asked by the NACA to host the Regional Midwest Rumble this October. More information to come once the season has started, but **please know that we will require every family to sign up and assist at this tournament.** It will be impossible to run without the support of every family. There will be something for everyone.

What should I do if I have interest in joining the volleyball team?

- Send an e-mail to the HEARTS Volleyball Manager kelly.ryan@heartsforjesuschrist.org
- If you are not a member of HEARTS, you will need to complete the HEARTS membership process. Begin at HEARTS web page: <https://heartsforjesuschrist.org/ContactUs/InterestedFamily> Fill out this form and submit. Someone from HEARTS will contact you.
- Once you have notified us, look for e-mails and other announcements that will get you ready for the season.
- There will be forms to complete, one of which requires a current physical. These are due on the first day of practice. **Your child will not be eligible to participate until all the forms have been received.**

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