

Hello.

I know this fall is filled with more questions than answers as things seem to change daily. I hope to inform and explain the current situation with Girls Volleyball with the Andover Athletic Association.

In a normal year we have crossover games with Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association and Champlin Dayton Athletic Association and an end of the season jamboree. This year, ARAA and CDAA are still not certain if they will have their season and will not host any outside groups or travel to play matches. With that said, we have been brainstorming a different model for this year so our players can still have an opportunity to improve their volleyball skills and an opportunity to compete against each other through a variety of competitive drills, scrimmages, and games.

The Andover High School volleyball players and coaching staff have always run a clinic for the girls the first couple weeks of the AAA season. This year they ran a very successful summer camp with all COVID Guidelines in place. The Andover Athletic Association is working with the Andover HS Program to extend their services throughout the youth season to run skill development practices along with competition ideas.

The goal is to give your daughter an opportunity to come to the gym, be active, and have fun while learning more about volleyball and teamwork. We are excited to use this opportunity to fine tune each players individual skill set while incorporating their skills into team participation.

I have received a few emails about whether your daughter could participate if she had to miss a couple days. Of course, we prefer for them to attend all of their sessions, but I think that with the 2020 season it will not be as important to be at every session. We will not have crossover games where we have to worry about being short a player to play.

I mentioned in my first sentence that things seem to change daily and this is still a possibility, but this is the current plan for 2020. We felt offering an opportunity to participate and improve volleyball skill sets (both physical and court sense) was better than canceling the season. Registration is open online at the Andover Athletic Association Website until Sept. 15, 2020. Please let people know that we still plan to have a season and we will follow COVID Guidelines. The start date is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Please email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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