

Dear O Parents,

I am pleased to introduce myself as Dean of Students and the new head volleyball coach of Overland High School. I come to you from Greeley Central High School where I had taught English and was the head volleyball coach for the last five years. My experience in volleyball goes clear back to my early high school days where I played club for NorCo out of Fort Collins. I then pursued my sports career in basketball which allowed me to play at the college level for two different Universities, where I also assisted both girls' volleyball programs. I am very excited to move Overland's Volleyball program in a direction that will shift the perception of Blazer Volleyball.

This summer I had an opportunity to work with a select few that choose to attend open gyms, which were not mandatory but very beneficial. During these open gyms I was able to meet and get to know some of the athletes that I will have the pleasure of working with this season. The week of July 30<sup>th</sup> is considered "camp week" and the kick off to our season. Due to some schedule conflicts we had to adjust the times a bit so please be cautious of the changes and please have your athletes there at least 15 minutes early.

During this week we will work on several fundamental skills that will be assessed the following week during tryouts. This program is moving in a direction that will compete with the heavy hitters in the Centennial League, so will be implementing a stern cut policy. This season we will be keeping four levels, Varsity, Junior Varsity, C-Team, and a Freshmen Team. If your child is a senior they will need to make the varsity team or will be released from the team. Juniors are only allowed to participate on Junior Varsity or Varsity, Sophomores at the C-team level or above, and freshmen can compete at any level. Please know that cutting athletes is not what we want to do, but what is necessary to rebuild a program. If your child is cut from the program, please encourage them to practice and return the following season, just as Michael Jordan did.

Sports Registration is now open and NEEDS to be completed before August 6<sup>th</sup> (instructions on back side). This includes a sports physical and an email showing that the registration is completed. Athletes will NOT be allowed to participate after the 6<sup>th</sup> if this is not completed, which could impact their tryouts. Overland High School will be hosting an opportunity for athletes to complete their sports physicals July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:30am to 2:00pm which everyone is welcome as a walk in. Please make sure this is a priority of yours this next week.

Below is the first two weeks of volleyball practice times where your student athletes are expected to attend if they want to be a part of Overland Volleyball. I am looking forward to meeting your children and playing my part in building them up for their high school career. There will be a parent meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm where I would love to meet you as well and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions you may email me at [Nfinch@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:Nfinch@cherrycreekschools.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 29	July 30 9am – 12pm	July 31 9am – 12pm	August 1 Registration No Open Gym	August 2 3:30 – 6:30pm  Parent Meeting 5:30-6:30	August 3 3:30 – 6:30pm	August 4
August 5	August 6 3:30 – 6pm	August 7 3:30 – 6pm	August 8 3:30 – 6pm	August 9 3:30 – 6pm	August 10 3:30 – 6pm	August 11 9am – 11am

Tryouts August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>

## Sports Registration Instructions

- Go to <https://overland-ar.rschoolday.com>
- Click the "Athletic Team Registration" Button in the middle
- Parents will scroll through some information that I've posted then will click the "Create Family Account" (each family will only need 1 account - simplifies things compared to previous registration)
- Parents will have to enter an email and confirm that email to create an account (very basic info to create an account which also simplifies things compared to previous reg)
- Families will need to enter their students' school ID number or they cannot continue (this is good as it ensures that students are enrolled with our district/at Overland) - Once the student ID goes in the registration website talks to PowerSchool and will self populate basic student and parent contact information (awesome feature).
- Parents can sign up for as many sports as they would like all at once - but can easily sign up closer to future seasons
- Parents can upload their up-to-date physical form during registration; they can take a photo of their form or scan it in. They also have the option to bring their physical into the office if they don't have it yet or can't upload it. Remind them it has to be legible (we have to be able to read information/dates on the form). Their registration process will speed up if they upload it though.
- Some questions on the medical information page seem repetitive, but district needs what it needs to feel like we have information in case there is an emergency.
- There are a ton of policies and agreements - these are the same as before and if anything in more depth than the previous registration. That is good as it covers a lot of disclaimers and information that is very important for parents/students to understand regarding district policy for participation, concussion disclaimer/information, transportation acknowledgements, spectator agreements, eligibility, and CHSAA guidelines. [www.ArbitrAthlete.com](http://www.ArbitrAthlete.com) ]
- Lastly, they can pay on the site or pay later. This allows them to complete online registration without payment. If they are free/reduced lunch they will still need to bring those documents into the athletics office/call for their documents to be emailed to Ashley for us to clear them.
- They need to go onto arbiter and create an athlete account; this is required to be eligible to participate in competitions. This is a new CHSAA requirement this year.
- Once they've completed their online registration it goes to Ashley and me. We get an email that a registration has been completed. We will then go through all the completed registrations and we double check the physical and that payment has been addressed. At that point, we will "CLEAR" them and they will officially be able to participate. Parents and students will receive a congratulations email that they're cleared. **ONLY THEN WILL THEY BE ABLE TO PRACTICE/PARTICIPATE.** They're completion of the online registration is not the only step required - the athletic office has to check the physical and make sure payment has been addressed.

Here are some important things that I've learned as I have played with it and made some adjustments. Feel free to pass this information onto your players/families or reference this if there are questions.

- Creating an account does not mean you've registered; once an account is created they have to log in and register each student. I can see several parents have created accounts, however they have not completed the registration process.
- After they complete the online registration - they will still have to come into the athletics office if they need to turn in a physical or address payment; without those 2 pieces complete, we are unable to clear them; there is a reminder after they register to be sure they have addressed their physical and payment before they're cleared
- Students have to create an account on Arbiter! [www.ArbitrAthlete.com](http://www.ArbitrAthlete.com) ]

Parents will receive an email saying they've officially been cleared; they might get one that says they've completed online forms, but only the cleared to participate email/registration is complete means the athletics office has cleared them.