



Dear Parents and Athletes:

Welcome to the Western Carolina Athletic Association (WCAA) the home of the Trailblazers! This athletic association is exclusively formed for homeschool student/athletes. We are excited that you are interested in playing with the 2008 Trailblazer Volleyball Team.

As many of you already know, we are a fairly new association and a new team (starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> season!). WCAA Board realizes that parents and athletes have many questions. Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Please read over this list and let the board know if you have additional questions. We ask for your patience, understanding, and prayers, as the final details of this team are worked out over the summer. As with any team, there may be bumps along the way, but we feel certain that this association is lead by the leadership of God and He will work out all of the details, above and beyond our expectations.

Please let us know if you can assist with any details that we are working on.

**FAQ:**

**When does the season start?** Mandatory practice will start by Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. Summer skill sessions and a possible camp will be open to all players and is optional. Of course, if athletes are in town and available, it is highly recommended that they attend summer sessions.

**Who is the coach?** Glenna Toney will be coaching the middle school team. Brenda Watt will be coaching the JV team. Glenna Toney and Sidney Youngs will be coaching the Varsity Team. If you have any volleyball skills and can help with a team (as needed), please contact Glenna Toney ASAP at [wcaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:wcaa@bellsouth.net)!

**What teams are being offered?** 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders (as of Aug. 2008) for the middle school team. 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> graders (as of Aug. 2008) for the JV team and 10<sup>th</sup> – 12th graders (as of Aug. 2008) for the Varsity team. Only Varsity players who play in at least 75% of Varsity games will receive a letter and pin.

**Where will practices be held?** WCAA Board is in search of a good practice gym that will be free/ or low cost to our team. We are working on a few leads at this time. If you have, or someone you know has, an idea or access to a practice or game gym, please contact us. Most practices are located in the Asheville area, which is central to the five counties that participate with WCAA programs.

**Where will games be held?** WCAA Board is in search of a good gym that we can use for games. If you have, or someone you know has, an idea or access to a practice or game gym, please

contact us. Many games have been scheduled at the home fields of the schools we will be playing against.

**Who will we play?** WCAA Assistant Athletic Director, Glenna Toney, is currently contacting local private and Christian Schools as well as small public schools to schedule games. Our plan is to stay within a one hour drive of the Asheville Airport whenever possible. We plan to play games Monday – Friday. The exception, at this time, is the 3rd weekend in Oct. (17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>), the Trailblazers will be participating in the Homeschool State Volleyball Tournament in Winston Salem, NC. Varsity Volleyball will also be participating in a tournament on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in Johnson City, TN and Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at ACA. Please keep these weekends open for soccer games.

**How much will volleyball fees be?** WCAA Board is expecting fees to be approximately \$125.00 - \$185.00 per player. Corporate Sponsorships and Ingles Scrip fundraisers are available to help offset fees for all players. Visit [www.wncaa.org](http://www.wncaa.org) for more information. Athletes payments must be paid in full by Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. Uniforms will not be issued until payments have been made.

**How many games will the Trailblazers be playing?** The exact number of games has not been determined at this time. A schedule is forthcoming. The high school team should have more games than the middle school team. The volleyball schedule will be posted on our website at [www.wncaa.org](http://www.wncaa.org) (under girls volleyball and on the calendar) ASAP.

**Tell me about uniforms:** Uniforms will be ordered by WCAA Board and used by the players for one season. Uniforms will be turned back in at the end of the season. Volleyball players and parents are responsible for keeping uniforms in good condition throughout the season.

**When are practices?** Expect practices to be held M, T, Th, & F during the season with the exception of days that games will be played. Middle school and high school practice will most likely be held some time between 2:30-7:00 (1.5 to 2 hour time slots for each team). These times will depend upon practice gym availability and coach's schedules.

**What level do we play?**

All WCAA teams are aiming to be competitive school teams. We do not plan to play club teams or against rec. teams. Athletes are not guaranteed playing time. It is the goal of WCAA for all athletes to play in as many games as possible.

**Are there cuts?** Cuts will be made in the event that we have too many players to field each team.

**How will I know if I made the team?** Each participant will be contacted by the volleyball coach before the end of June, 2008 regarding placement on the 2008 team.

Middle School and JV Volleyball teams plan to keep 12-14 players on a team. Varsity volleyball plans to keep 10-12 players on a team.

**What equipment will I need?** Each player will need to provide her own knee pads, and volleyball shoes. Please bring plenty of water or sports drink for each practice and game. Athletes will need an up-to-date physical signed by a medical doctor. All physicals must be current (within one calendar year) through Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Go to [www.wncaa.org](http://www.wncaa.org) forms page and download a physical form.

**WHAT KIND OF ASSOCIATION IS WCAA?** All WCAA sports are demanding and take time, effort, dedication, and perseverance, and instill self-esteem and the value of teamwork. WCAA creates an environment that is fun, educational and competitive in scope. WCAA teaches

focus, a strong work ethic, leadership skills, goal setting and the value of education; we strive for every member of WCAA to become a better athlete, person, and, most importantly, Christian.

God Bless,

WCAA Board

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