

# *HILLVIEW AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS*

*Sponsored by the Hillview PTO*

*Tournament Team Info*

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For the past 15 years the after school sports program has offered a program to 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> girls in volleyball and all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in basketball. It is now referred to as "Tournament Team". This program is designed for those students who want to play more of these sports at a more competitive level. It is also geared to prepare students that have high school aspirations. A higher level of commitment is expected than those who play on in the Burgess League/MPMSL programs.

Tournament team tryouts and practice for both sports occur before team placement workouts for Burgess League teams. Volleyball tryouts will tentatively occur at the beginning of school. Tournament team players will practice normally twice per week until their season has completed (approximately mid October). Players are expected to practice with their Burgess League teams at least once per week until the tournament team season has ended. Tournament team basketball tryouts will tentatively be week of parent conferences. Once teams are selected there will be minimum two practices per week until Holiday Break. Following the holidays there are normally one practice per week. Additional practices may be scheduled prior to tournaments. Players should expect games/practices during holiday break. Tournament team basketball season is normally completed toward the end of January with the annual St. Simons Tournament. Once Tournament Team season has ended tournament team players are expected to attend Burgess League Volleyball and MPMSL (8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball) practices regularly.

Evaluators for both volleyball and basketball are coaches and/or non parents of players trying out. The number of players trying out will determine if there will be cuts. The past few years there were cuts in both basketball and volleyball. Once teams have been selected practice begins.

Tournament teams are not in a league. Games are tournament play and exhibition games played at Hillview or opponent sites. Tournaments are almost always played on weekends. Exhibition games are scheduled at the discretion of coaches and program coordinator. Tournament team games will not conflict with Burgess League/MPMSL games. Burgess League/MPMSL games for both volleyball and basketball will most likely be Monday afternoons. Playing time is at the discretion of the coaches. Tournament teams have traditionally been large. Team members will earn playing time based on attitude, commitment at practice, and level of experience/ability. There is no guarantee of playing time (unlike Burgess/MPMSL volleyball/basketball leagues).

Player eligibility for tournament team players is determined by participation in Burgess League and student achievement in academics and discipline. All tournament team players are expected to be earning high grades in physical education class as those grades are based on attitude and effort. The Burgess and MPMSL programs have been the foundation for both after school volleyball and basketball. For the first 4 years of Tournament Team existence it was mandatory for players to participate in both Burgess/MPMSL. Then for two years it was been optional on a trial basis. For a number of reasons, not the least of which is leadership growth potential, Mr. Bell and the PTO have decided it is in the best interest of all that players participate in both Tournament Teams and Burgess/MPMSL.

Head Coaches (tentatively) of these programs in 2015-2016 school year will be: Felipe Gonzalea (volleyball), Phil Eaton (boys basketball), and Art Weil (girls basketball).

Mr. Bell now serves as an advisor to this program and is no longer the coordinator of it. He will continue to be the coordinator of the After School Sports Program. If either tournament team program is to occur this year it will be up to parents to coordinate. A meeting was held on May 12 to discuss details of programs. A few parents have already come forward to volunteer as coordinators of programs regardless of whether or not their children will be chosen as team members.

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