



Mater Dei High School Girls' Volleyball 2026 Season

Mission Statement

The Mater Dei Girl's Volleyball Program will positively influence the player's mind, body, and soul. Through a process oriented approach, players will be taught valuable life skills such as respect, hard work, commitment, and integrity. Players will develop mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually to help prepare them for life after athletics.

General Information

Important Dates and Deadlines

Player/Parent Meeting	August 4
eTeamSponsor Contacts Due	August 7
Tesoro Tournament – FS/Freshman	August 8
First Game – All Levels (at Harvard Westlake)	August 11
School Begins	August 17
Team Fees Due	August 21
Picture Day (All teams)	August 21
Tesoro Tournament – JV	August 22
Fall Sports Mass	August 26
Dave Mohs Tournament - Varsity	September 4 & 5
Dave Mohs Tournament – JV	September 12
Durango Classic – Las Vegas, NV	September 17-19
Dave Mohs Tournament – FS/Fr	September 19
Portola Tournament – Freshman	September 26
Lakewood Tournament – JV	September 26
Senior Night v JSerra	September 29
Nike Tournament of Champions - Phoenix	October 1-3
Lakewood Tournament – FS/Freshman	October 10
Varsity Service Project	Date TBD
Banquet	November 19

Parents Volunteers

In order to fully realize the potential for an outstanding Girls' Volleyball Program at Mater Dei, Coach O'Dell believes that parental support and participation is not just expected, but mandatory. Everyone has talents and skills that can be contributed, and so everyone is required to do so. There are many ways to help out, just make sure to make yourself available to your respective Team Mom and be ready to offer help whenever they need a hand.

2026 Team Fees

Team fees for 2026 are \$1650 for Varsity and \$1350 for the lower level teams. Fees are due by Friday of the 2nd week of season, August 21. Fees will be collected through Active. You can find the link through the Mater Dei Girls Volleyball Web Site. There are two options in Active. You can pay in full with one lump payment. Or you can do a payment plan over three separate payments. The payments are spaced out over 2-week intervals, with payments on August 21, September 4, and September 18. If help is needed to pay for a player's fees, please see the "Sponsorships" section below.

Sponsorships

There have been major changes to our Sponsorships over the past year. Mater Dei has now partnered with PlayFly, who manages and runs all of the sponsorships for each respective athletics program. There are 4 tiers of sponsorship opportunities. All of these tiers are located on our web site. You can contact Bryan Ponce at bryan.ponce@playfly.com if you are interested in having your business be a sponsor for the Volleyball program.

Picture Day

All teams will have their pictures on August 21st at 2:30pm in the MAC. Please bring picture forms if you want to purchase individual shots. Ray Flores, appleinorange@earthlink.net, from Apple Photography will be taking the pictures and can help answer any questions.

Las Vegas/Phoenix Trip (Varsity Only)

The Varsity squad will be traveling to Las Vegas (9/17-9/19) to compete in the Durango Classic. The team will be staying at the Hampton Inn Las Vegas Strip South. The team will also drive to Phoenix (10/1-10/3) and staying at the AZ Grand Resort and Spa. The cost is expected to be \$600 per player. This fee will be collected at the end of September.

Snack Bar/Pregame Meals

There is no Snack Bar for our MD games. However, all teams are asked to organize pregame meals for their respective match for all Away matches. Most teams will do Home matches as well. Your Team Parent will be responsible for organizing this amongst your team. Two families will be assigned to each match and they should provide enough food for all the players and the coaches of that team. Teams will eat after their match unless they are the final match of the evening then they will eat immediately after school.

Admissions Table

Parents will no longer be asked to work the Admissions Table during our matches. 24/7 Security will handle all ticketing during our matches.

eTeamSponsor

This is one of our major fundraising tools that we will be using for a 6th season this year. Players will be required to submit 15 email of relatives or friends that may be interested in donating to the program. We will hand out the forms On Tuesday 8/4 and players will import the contacts on Friday, 8/8 at 10:30am. I am offering an OPT OUT payment of \$1,000 this year if a family wants to donate instead of providing the 15 emails. Please contact Coach O'Dell if you are choosing the opt out option. PLEASE NOTE: eTeam donations are part of a fundraising effort by the program. They do not offset a players participation fees.

Practice/Weights Schedule

Once school begins, the normal practice times will be as follows. Varsity will go after school until 4:30/5pm. JV/FS will practice from 4-6pm. Freshman team will practice from starting at 4:30/5pm and go for 2 hours. On Fridays, we will shorten practices to 1.5 hours to make sure no one is going past 6pm. Varsity/JV will lift during their Athletic Block and FS/Freshman will lift after school.

Player Expectations

Conduct

First, it is important to remember that we must be the image bearer's of Christ. With this in mind, we must choose to live by a higher standard. Athletics is often on a stage for the public. Therefore, it is essential to live by the Golden Rule. We must always treat others the way we would like to be treated. Honesty, respect, and kindness are required at all times. Understanding how to be a competitor, a good sport, and a reflector of Christ can be a difficult task. But we will always strive to be the role model's that Christ has taught us to be.

- Have fun, work hard, and enjoy the journey.
- Show respect for every person you have contact with in the organization.
- Put the team first. Successful teams have teammates that are unselfish and willing to put their individual goals behind the team's goals.
- Do your job. It is defined, but you must always be prepared for it to change (especially if you're a player).
- Appropriately handle victory and defeat, adulation and humiliation. Do not get too high in victory or too low in defeat. Be the same person every day.
- Understand that all organizational decisions aim to make the team better, stronger, and more efficient.
- Have a positive attitude. Use positive language (both verbal and body language).

Rules

- Expected to share responsibilities throughout season (refing games, setting up nets, getting water, etc.)
- Wear Mater Dei gear to every practice (no club shirts), Nike products for every match
- Ride on bus to and from away games
- Be on time to practice, weights, bus, everywhere; or notify your coach if you are running late
- No cell phones during practice

Mater Dei Lines of Communication (School Policy)

Parents who have questions or concerns not relating to playing time or coaching strategy are to follow these procedures:

1. Contact the player's Coach.
2. If there are further questions, contact the volleyball program director, Dan O'Dell.
3. If there are further questions, speak with the Athletics Administrator.
4. If there are further questions, speak with the Assistant Principal/Student Services.
5. Parents/Students then have the option to appeal to the Principal, whose decision, in consultation with the President, is final at the school site.

Any calls or inquiries made directly to Administrators will be referred back through this MDHS communication system, unless issues of legality or morality are involved.

Any issues involving playing time, areas of improvement, and volleyball specific inquiries, the player should seek out the coach for advice and guidance.

2026 Coaching Staff

Varsity Head Coach:	Dan O'Dell
Varsity Assistant Coach:	Crystal Chitwood
Varsity Assistant Coach:	Darren Ong
JV Head Coach:	Ashley Maldonado
Frosh/Soph Head Coach:	Jacqui Peck
Freshman Head Coach:	Taylor Packer
Floater Coach:	Dianna Nguyen