

About Shadow Ridge Boys Volleyball

The Shadow Ridge High School Boys Volleyball program, established in 2018, is committed to building a culture of excellence, teamwork, and personal growth both on and off the court. From its inception, the program has focused on developing not only skilled athletes but also well-rounded individuals who embody the values of hard work, respect, and commitment.

We place a high priority on building strong relationships between players, coaches, and the community, ensuring that every athlete feels valued, supported, and part of something bigger than themselves. Our competitive drive pushes us to excel in both regional and state competitions, while our focus on player development enhances skills, improves teamwork, and fosters a lifelong passion for the sport.

Whether you are an experienced player or new to the game, Shadow Ridge High School offers a positive and inclusive environment for all who are eager to learn and grow. Join us as we continue to make Shadow Ridge a premier destination for boys volleyball in the West Valley!

2024-2025 Season Overview

Shadow Ridge is excited to field three boys' volleyball teams this upcoming season: a Varsity team (14-16 athletes), a Junior Varsity team (12-14 athletes), and a Junior Varsity B (JVB) team (10-12 athletes). Tryouts will be held from February 10-12, 2025, and will include on-court evaluations, physical testing, and game play.

To participate, athletes must be fully cleared in Aktivite (formerly RMA), the district's athletic clearance platform. Season game play officially begins on March 4, with matches running through early May. Practices will be held daily on non-game days, with times finalized based on gym availability.

Leading up to tryouts, athletes can hone their skills at Community Education camps and clinics, which do not require RMA clearance. Please visit our community ed enrichment site [here](#).

Tryout Details

The tryout process spans three days:

- **Day 1:** Feb 10 (On-Court Skills Evaluation)
- **Day 2:** Feb 11 (Physical Testing)
- **Day 3:** Feb 12 (Game Play)

No prior experience is required, but athletes should have a basic understanding of platform passing, attacking, setting, and serving. During physical testing, athletes will be assessed on speed, agility, vertical reach, and vertical jump. Last-minute roster adjustments will be made based on game play, with the first practice following immediately after tryouts.

Athletes will receive a tryout number at check-in on Day 1, which they should keep throughout the process. Teams will be posted using these numbers. Those selected will return for practice,

while those not selected will exit the facility. Athletes can request a meeting with the coaching staff 48 hours post-tryouts to discuss their performance.

Meet The Coaches

About Head Coach Daniel Velasquez Wilson

Coach Daniel Velasquez Wilson brings a wealth of experience and passion to the Shadow Ridge Boys Volleyball program. With a strong background in coaching and player development, he has dedicated himself to fostering a culture of excellence, teamwork, and growth among his athletes.

Daniel played collegiate volleyball at Missouri Valley College and Ottawa University Arizona, where he honed his skills and developed a deep understanding of the game. His playing experience laid the foundation for his coaching philosophy, emphasizing the development of not just skilled players, but well-rounded individuals. He has served in various coaching roles, including positions at the D1 collegiate level.

His coaching philosophy centers on building strong connections with each athlete, empowering them to excel both on and off the court. Under his leadership, the Shadow Ridge Boys Volleyball program has gained local and national recognition, achieving numerous accolades, including AVCA 30 Under 30 and Region Coach of the Year honors.

In addition to his coaching accomplishments, Daniel has been instrumental in developing successful athletes who have gone on to compete at the collegiate level and participate in USA Volleyball's National Team Development Program. He is committed to ensuring that every player feels valued and supported, fostering a sense of family and community within the program.

Daniel holds a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations, equipping him with the skills to effectively communicate and lead his team. His experience as both a collegiate player and coach enables him to provide valuable insights and guidance to his athletes as they pursue their volleyball careers.

As the head coach of the Shadow Ridge Boys Volleyball team, Daniel is excited to continue building a premier program in the West Valley, where every athlete has the opportunity to thrive and grow in a positive and inclusive environment.

About Coach Sean Carleton

Sean Carleton is a cornerstone of Shadow Ridge Boys Volleyball, bringing a wealth of experience and passion to the program. Serving as the Junior Varsity Head Coach and Varsity Assistant Coach, Sean has been an integral part of the boys' volleyball success since the school opened. In addition to his role with the boys' teams, he also coaches the Freshman Girls Volleyball team, further showcasing his dedication to developing athletes at all levels.

Sean’s journey into volleyball began with a background in football coaching. However, his love for volleyball grew as he researched and immersed himself in the sport, quickly becoming an influential figure in the program’s rise. His contributions include being part of the coaching staff that led the team to four consecutive regional championships and numerous state tournament qualifications.

Sean’s commitment to the Shadow Ridge community is deeply rooted. His wife, Jessica, is a dedicated elementary school teacher in the Dysart district, and his daughter is a proud Shadow Ridge Volleyball alumna. With a focus on teamwork, discipline, and personal growth, Sean continues to make a significant impact on the athletes he coaches, helping them achieve success both on and off the court.

A History of Stallion Success

Program Recognition

At Shadow Ridge High School, our boys volleyball program emphasizes the development and individual growth of each athlete. We believe that fostering a positive environment where players can enhance their skills, build confidence, and cultivate strong relationships with teammates is paramount. This commitment to personal and athletic development not only benefits our players on the court but also leads to recognition for our program on both local and national stages.

As a result of our dedication to excellence, our athletes have consistently earned honors and accolades, showcasing their hard work and the supportive culture we have built. These achievements reflect the character, resilience, and talent of our players, as well as the unwavering guidance from our coaching staff. We take pride in the recognition our program receives, as it underscores our mission to elevate boys volleyball and inspire future generations of athletes.

National Recognition

Award	Individual	Position	Class
AVCA 30 Under 30 Coaches	Coach Daniel Velasquez Wilson	Head Coach	-
AVCA All-American 2nd Team	Ryan Louis	Outside	2024
AVCA All-American Watch List	Ryan Louis	Outside	2024
AVCA All-American Watch List	Everett Larson	Outside	2024

AVCA All-American Watch List	Gideon Barnes	Opposite	2024
AVCA All-American Watch List	Braden Stroh	Libero	2024
AVCA High Riser List	Austin Kuehler	Setter	2025
AVCA High Riser List	Jayson Falcon	Libero	2025
AVCA High Riser List	Jaisen Brown	Libero	2027
AVCA High Riser List	Logan McMullen	Outside	2026
AVCA High Riser List	Ryan Louis	Outside	2024
AVCA High Riser List	Everett Larson	Outside	2024

State Recognition

Award	Individual	Position	Class
AIA 6A 1st Team All State	Ryan Louis	Outside	2024
AIA 6A 2nd Team All State	Ocean Kuhn	Setter	2025

Region Recognition

Award	Individual	Position	Class
Region Coach of the Year	Daniel Velasquez Wilson	Coach	-
Region Player of the Year	Ryan Louis	Hitter/Middle Blocker	2024
Region Offensive Player of the Year	Everett Larson	Hitter/Middle Blocker	2024
Region Defensive Player of the Year	Franklin Faulkner	Libero	2024
AIA 6A West Region All-Region First Team	Ryan Louis	Hitter/Middle Blocker	2024
AIA 6A West Region All-Region First Team	Gideon Barnes	Hitter/Middle Blocker	2024
AIA 6A West Region All-Region First Team	Ocean Kuhn	Setter	2024

AIA 6A West Region All-Region Second Team	Brady McMullen	Hitter/Middle Blocker	2024
AIA 6A West Region All-Region Second Team	Ocean Kuhn	Setter	2024
AIA 6A West Region Honorable Mention	Jayson Falcon	Libero	2024
AIA 6A West Region Honorable Mention	Anthony Gallagher	Hitter/Middle Blocker	2024

District Recognition

Award	Individual	Position	Class
Dysart District 1st Team	Rett Larson	Outside	2024
Dysart District 1st Team	Ocean Kuhn	Setter	2024
Dysart District 2nd Team	Braden Stroh	Libero	2024
Dysart District 2nd Team	Austin Kuehler	Setter	2024
Dysart District Honorable Mention	Gideon Barnes	Rightside	2024
Dysart District Honorable Mention	Franklin Faulkner	Middle Blocker	2024
Dysart District Player of the Year	Ryan Louis	Outside	2024
Dysart District Athlete of the Month (Feb 2024)	Ryan Louis	Outside	2024

These awards not only celebrate the talent and hard work of our athletes but also reinforce our commitment to nurturing a winning mindset grounded in teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. As we continue to grow and evolve, we look forward to achieving even greater heights in the future!

Stallions at the Next Level

At Shadow Ridge, our boys volleyball program is dedicated to not only achieving success at the high school level but also preparing our athletes for the next stages of their volleyball careers. Through rigorous training, a focus on skill development, and a commitment to excellence, many

of our players have gone on to compete at the collegiate level, showcasing their talents on some of the most competitive platforms in the country.

In addition to collegiate volleyball, several of our athletes have had the distinct honor of being selected for the **USA Volleyball National Team Development Program (NTDP)**. This prestigious program identifies top-rated athletes who have demonstrated national team potential, providing them with elite coaching, advanced training environments, and opportunities to compete alongside the nation's best players.

USA Volleyball National Team Development Program (NTDP) Participants

- **2023** – Ryan Louis – Outside
- **2023** – Austin Kuehler – Setter
- **2024** – Ryan Louis – Outside
- **2024** – Austin Kuehler – Setter

These athletes have exemplified what it means to be a part of our program, balancing academic excellence with athletic success and embracing the challenges of competing at the highest level.

Collegiate Athletes

Several of our Stallions have also taken their talents to the collegiate stage, where they continue to thrive and represent the values instilled in them at Shadow Ridge. Whether competing in **NCAA, NAIA**, these athletes are a source of pride for our program and serve as role models for future generations of Stallions.

By excelling both in the classroom and on the court, our athletes demonstrate the far-reaching impact of their time at Shadow Ridge. The lessons learned here—discipline, teamwork, resilience—are what propel them to succeed at the next level, be it in collegiate volleyball or prestigious national programs.

We are incredibly proud of all our Stallions who have pursued their dreams of competing beyond high school, and we remain committed to helping our current and future athletes reach their fullest potential on the national and collegiate stages.

Athlete	College/University	Class	Position
Ryan Louis	Ball State University	2024	Outside Hitter
Kaden Kuehler	Cumberland University	2021	Middle Blocker
Aidan Volkman	Cumberland University	2021	Setter
Austin McSmalley	Cumberland University	2020	Outside Hitter

