

## DESERTHEAT: Fall 2021

### FIRST DAY - BIG EMAIL

**\*\*This is a LONG email with a lot of important information, please read it through carefully. Thank you in advance.\*\***

### First Practice - TONIGHT!!

High School White Team & Middle School Team(s)

Fall Season Practices: Monday & Wednesday 7:15pm - 9:00 pm (beginning Monday, September 13th through November 21st) at Eldorado Park.

#### Eldorado Park

2311 N Miller Road

Scottsdale, AZ. 85257

[Click Here](#) for DH Site Details

**\*\*DIRECTIONS TO ELDORADO PLEASE NOTE\*\*** This address will take you to the west side of the park. The soccer field is on the *EAST* side, there is a creek that splits the park that you *cannot* cross. **You will want to access the field off 77th st.** Please see the map for details. There will be a group using the field prior to us. We will be set up under the orange/black Desert Heat tent this evening for check in. We will direct you where to go once you check in. **PARENT'S**, if you have any questions, **Miriah Smith will be at the tent and available to answer questions from 6:45pm - 7:30pm TONIGHT.**

### Saturday AZGL Fall Ball Games - (reminder, NO Dogs allowed on the fields) :

- September 18th - Mohave
- September 25th - Mohave
- October 2nd - Mohave
- October 9th - No games, Fall Break
- October 16th - Mesquite (for those not traveling, if enough players are in town)
- October 23rd - Mesquite
- October 30th - Southwest Classic, Gilbert AZ. (The 31st is TBD if it will be two days or just one, based on the # of teams and official availability.

#### Mohave Middle School

8490 E Jackrabbit Rd

Scottsdale, AZ. 85250

[Click Here](#) for DH Site Details

## [Mesquite High School](#)

500 S McQueen Rd

Gilbert, AZ 85258

[Click Here](#) for DH Site Details

## **Rosters - Fall Ball vs Tournament**

**First Week Evaluations** - Rosters will start the fall season the same as they ended this past summer. All new players and returning players will be evaluated the first week of the season and adjustments will be announced by Thursday, if not sooner. That said, the first week (for White specifically), practices will be more of a tryout format, as we do anticipate moving some players up to Orange. If you do not get rostered on the desired team at the start of the season, please keep working hard and do not get discouraged. Our rosters are dynamic and with hard work and player growth it is possible to move mid-season! Encourage your daughter to ask for coaches feedback as this is the best way for players to learn and grow.

If you are new to the program you are currently listed on the "Unknown" team, after this week we will update all teams and each player will be rostered.

**Fall Ball Game Rosters** - Each team will be broken down into multiple 8v8 teams for the Saturday fall ball games. There may be weekends where you will play a full 12v12 game but for the most part Saturday games will be 8v8. It is *VERY IMPORTANT* for you/players to communicate your Saturday attendance with Coaches no later than *Tuesday* of each week.

**\*\*Fall Ball Rosters** will not be broken out on the team pages (details below). Please use the *PLAYERS* GroupMe communications (also noted below) for Fall Ball rosters and game schedules.

**Tournament Rosters** - *Registrations for Fall tournaments are due by September 22nd.* Tournament rosters can vary depending on registrations. Deferring back to the dynamic rosters... for example, if HS Orange needs extra players it is possible we could move up some White Team players for that specific event. If there are any questions about roster please feel free to ask your coaches for feedback.

## **Team Pages**

Team practice schedules are posted on their specific team page(s). Please use the team page on the Desert Heat website for all details pertaining to your schedule (minus the fall ball games). See links below:

HS White - [Click Here](#)

HS Orange - [Click Here](#)

MS Black - [Click Here](#) \*There will only be one MS roster this season.

By clicking on the calendar icon (from your team page) you can subscribe to the team's calendar, this will populate the schedule right into your calendar.

LeagueApps also just came out with a LeaguePlay app that you can download: [Click Here](#).

## Fall Tournaments & Events

**Please register for ALL Fall Tournaments before September 22**

- Santa Barbara Showdown, Santa Barbara - October 16-17
  - Optional ALL teams
- Southwest Classic, Gilbert, AZ - October 30/31 (Date may change)
  - Preferred: HS White, MS
- AZ Showdown, Maricopa, AZ - November 20-21
  - Preferred: HS White, MS

**Winter dates to remember! Please register by December 1st**

- Cactus Cup, Mesa, AZ - December 18-19
  - Optional ALL Teams
- Sand Storm, Indio, CA - January 15-16
  - Preferred All Teams
- Phoenix Rise, Mesa, AZ - January 22-23
  - Preferred All Teams

Click [HERE](#) for **TOURNAMENT** Information, details and **registration**

**BIG EMAIL's** - Prior to *each* event we send out a "BIG EMAIL" (much like this one) this includes ALL of the details specific to each event. The purpose of the BIG EMAIL is to answer any and all questions pertaining to that event. Occasionally it will feel like the BIG EMAIL is being sent late, if that is the case, we are still working to collect ALL the details, ha! That said, often there are last minute changes (in the days of COVID, you can count on last minute adjustments) we will always get the BIG EMAIL out, so we ask for patience in the event of a delay, there are good reasons and we promise it will come! Once you've received the BIG EMAIL you will want to add yourself to the (specific event) GROUP ME, that is the platform we use to communicate (links are always provided).

## Uniforms & Gear

**Practice Jersey** - The gray/ white practice jerseys are to be worn at EVERY practice over any additional clothing. As the season progresses it will get colder in the evenings, all players are to wear their practice reversible OVER any undergarments for quick changing.

If you are new to the program, your practice jersey will hopefully be in for pick up on field Saturday morning. If not, we will communicate it's arrival date as soon as we know.

**Game/Tournament Uniforms** - The Encore Team Store was closed on 9/7/21. For those that ordered the game uniform pack via the Encore Team store those items will be custom made and should arrive in about 4-6 weeks. We will inform you as soon as we have shipping confirmation. These items will be shipped in bulk to the directors and distributed to the coaches upon arrival.

If you missed the 9/7 deadline, Encore has re-opened the store for a second order! Here is that link: [Click Here](#). Note that these items will arrive LATER than the original order (closed on 9/7). Note - if the link is not working you can access the team store on our website: [Team Store](#) > [Encore Team Store](#) > [Must clinic on See Details](#).

These uniforms are worn for tournament play. If you are attending a tournament and your uniform has not arrived yet, we have loaners we will distribute. More information on that as we get closer to the tournaments.

**Parent Gear & [The Fall SWAG store](#)** is open until **September 19th!** Support [Desert Heat](#) by wearing team swag and help raise funds to support the [Pink Empowered Foundation](#). \$10 from each item purchased will be donated to Pink Empowered. Also new, we are offering a "pick-up" option (to save you a little \$ on shipping). These items will be available for pick up at practice (you will be notified when your item(s) are ready). Don't delay, the store is only open until *Sunday*.

## GroupMe Communications

Parents and Players (who have phones) please download the free GroupMe app from itunes or the android store. *Parents*, this is where YOUR team will communicate any last minute changes such as time or field # or possibly weather issues, etc. We've utilized this platform for several seasons and found it to be very effective and strive to keep the chatter to a minimum. It

is important for at least one parent/caregiver (if not both) to be in communication using this platform.

**Parents**, below are the links for your FALL BALL GroupMe

[HERE](#) is the link for HS White Team

[HERE](#) is the link for the MS Team

**Players**, each team will have a Coach lead GroupMe chat specific to your team. Parents, if your daughter does not have a cell phone or device where she can individually have access to the GroupMe, as a parent you can be added to the coaches chat, per request. However we do encourage the players to have this direct line of communication versus parents if possible. This demonstrates leadership and personal accountability and responsibility.

### **Team Managers & Parent Support**

**“It takes a village!”** We cannot do this successfully without help and support from our village! Below is an outline of lead individuals who help make things happen. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the following individuals as needed (per topic/team):

Main DH Email - [info@dheatlax.com](mailto:info@dheatlax.com)

AZGL Director of Operations - Desert Heat

- Tyna Murphy, 480-225-8521 (text preferred), [tyna@azgl.com](mailto:tyna@azgl.com)

AZGL Director of Operation - Desert Stix

- Jessica Barden, 602-315-4481, [jessica@azgl.com](mailto:jessica@azgl.com)

High School Director

- Ashley Burns, [ashley.bruns@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.bruns@gmail.com)

Middle School Director

- Lauren Herod - [lfidati@gmail.com](mailto:lfidati@gmail.com)

Team Travel & Events/ HS Orange Team Manager

- Miriah Smith - [miriahsmith42@gmail.com](mailto:miriahsmith42@gmail.com)

Communication & Volunteer Director/ HS Orange Team Manager

- Brandi Ellsworth - [ellsworth.brandi@gmail.com](mailto:ellsworth.brandi@gmail.com)

MS Black Team Manager

- Tara Hunt - [tmc1319046@yahoo.com](mailto:tmc1319046@yahoo.com)

HS White Team Manager - TBA... See note below :)

We are asking that each family will volunteer (in one way, shape or form) throughout the season. The volunteer positions might vary from an occasional task to a regular “game day” task. There will be a sign up genius for each team. If positions are not filled, Brandi will reach

out directly to ask for help. As you can imagine, this is uncomfortable, so please sign up. If you are able to help in a way that is not listed, please contact Brandi directly. *Immediate needs are as follows:*

- HS White Team Manager/ Lead Parent (You will be the point person who will update the GroupMe app and pass along communication from Tyna/Jess/coaches with assistance from Miriah and Brandi)
- Painting the field for game day. Equipment will be provided.  
There will be training for this task.  
Ideally one family for Mesquite and one family for Mohave (approx. 3 games per field)

*If you are interested and available for the above tasks, please contact Brandi Ellsworth at [ellsworth.brandi@gmail.com](mailto:ellsworth.brandi@gmail.com)*

### **Covid Procedures** (at this time could change):

- We will be following all CDC guidelines for large outdoor gatherings. [Click Here](#) for details.
- Masks are optional in outdoor settings.
- Please bring your own equipment and plenty of water for practice & games. We will not have communal water at practice or games due to COVID.
- We ask that parents & spectators limit watching practices on the field and travel in small groups to games. Once you do enter the fields, we ask that you try to maintain 6ft of social distance from others.
- ***Stay home if you are not feeling well!!***
- Please notify your coaches and/or directors individually if you have been exposed or have tested positive for COVID-19.
- We will notify you if we believe you have been “exposed” to any member of our organization.

### **Congratulations, you're done!**

Congratulations, you made it to the end! Thank you again for taking the time to read through this email! We know it has a lot of information. If you have any additional questions please feel free to reach out. Our main email is: [Info@dheatlax.com](mailto:Info@dheatlax.com), or feel free to reach out to your specific Team Manager or Director.

The Desert Heat website is a great source to find the most current information, we try our best to keep it updated. We also want to encourage you to participate in future ZOOM calls where we have the opportunity to address all parents and caregivers. If you were unable to attend the

June 2021 call, you can click [THIS LINK](#) to view the recording. This mostly applies to High School families, but is still quite informative.

Looking forward to a wonderful season!  
See you all tonight!

~**DHL Admin**