



IRONWOOD RIDGE VOLLEYBALL

IRONWOOD RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
ORO VALLEY, ARIZONA

A Commitment to
Excellence
since 2001

2026 IRONWOOD RIDGE WOMEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Welcome to Ironwood Ridge Volleyball! The great thing about being a Nighthawk Volleyball player is that you get to be a part of a program and a school that thrive on building tradition and excellence. It means that you are committed to hard work and dedication on and off the court... It means playing in front of some of the loudest and most supportive fans in the city... It means playing against the best teams in the State... It means wearing the school colors with pride... It means doing your best in athletics and academics...

It is a unique and special feeling to be a Nighthawk – being part of this program is a privilege and if you have what it takes to wear a uniform, we'd like to see you at the 2026 Player Evaluations!

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

Volleyball Season	Fall Season (August-November)
Teams Fielded	Varsity; Junior Varsity; Freshman
Players per team	14
Practices	After-school, 5 practices a week as well as Saturday practices
Competitions	18 total (2 matches per week)

2026 EVALUATIONS (TRYOUTS)

Official Start Date	August 10, 2026
Pre-Season Practices	August 3-7, 2026
Evaluation Criteria (in order)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Athletic Clearance B. Academic Record (must be eligible) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attitude 2. Athletic Ability 3. Positional Skill and/or Potential

2026 OFF-SEASON PREPARATION

While Pre-Season Volleyball for Ironwood Ridge will begin when school starts on August 6, the summer will offer many off-season opportunities in order to prepare for the volleyball season. The Off-Season Program includes strength/conditioning sessions, scrimmages, open beach practices, and volleyball camps during the summer.

Come join us this summer to train and get ready! For more information about the volleyball program or the Off-Season, please visit our website.

NEW PLAYER INFORMATION



VOLLEYBALL CAMP INFORMATION



PERENNIAL POWER

Ironwood Ridge Volleyball has been setting the standard as the best high school volleyball program in Southern Arizona since its first Varsity season in 2002...

Local Power: A 237-21 record over Southern Arizona teams since 2007

Title Town: The most Regional Titles (16) since 2002 with 212-31 record

State Streak: 22 years in the State Tournament (2002-2022; 2024-25)

Tough Enough: Nighthawks play statistically the toughest schedule each year

A National Schedule: Volleyball invitationals include competing in three States

Home-Sweet-Home: Ironwood Ridge is 195-37 when playing at home

Our House: The Volleyball Gym was selected as the Nation's Best Home Court Advantage by prepvolleyball.com and ESPNHS in 2011.

Continuity: The longest-tenured coach in Southern Arizona

Athletic-Students: AVCA All-Academic Team Award: 2002-24

IRVB QUICK FACTS

Volleyball Overall Record	594-340 (.636)
Region Championships	16 ('04, '07-15, '17-20, '22, '25)
State Tournament Bids	22 (2003-2022; 2024-25)
Final-Four Appearances	10 ('04, '07-'10, '12-'14, '16, '25)
State Final Appearances	2 (2004, 2014)

AVCA Team Academic Award 23 (2002-2024; 2025 pending)

Region Players of the Year 13 ('04, '07-14, '18-20, '22)

Michelle McLain (2004) | Krista Kallish (2007) | Malyree Harper (2008)

Michaela Christiaansen (2009-10) | Chloe Heinemann (2011)

Aunesty Jantz (2012, 2014) | Mykaela Hammer (2013) | Katie Birtcil (2018)

Andrea Vigil (2019) | Sophia Gomez (2020) | Kathryn Cherrington (2022)

Southern Arizona Player of the Year

Michelle McLain (2004) | Christina Solverson (2007)

Michaela Christiaansen (2010) | Kennedy Kurtz (2013)

Jordan Weatherless (2014)

VOLLEYBALL CAMP INFORMATION

nighthawkvolleyball.com/camps

2026 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL PROSPECTUS

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School	Ironwood Ridge High School
Location	Oro Valley, Arizona
Founded	2001
Enrollment	1,575
First Day of School	August 9, 2001
Mascot	Nighthawks
School Colors	Navy Blue, Silver, White
School District	Amphitheater
Home Court	Volleyball Gym (525 capacity)
AIA Classification	4A Conference
Principal	Dr. Orante Jenkins
Athletic Director	David Garwacki (IR 2005)
District Athletic Director	Armando Soto
Superintendent	Todd Jaeger

NIGHTHAWK VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Volleyball Match	August 27, 2001 <i>Ironwood Ridge JV def. Amphi, 2-1</i>
Overall All-Time Record	595-341 (.636)
Overall Regulation Record	370-105 (.779)
Overall Regional Record	212-31 (.872)
Region/Section Titles	(16) '04, '07-15, '17-20, 2022, 2025
Overall Home Record	196-38 (.838)
State Appearances/Last	22 (2025)
Best State Finish	Runner-up (2004, 2014)
State Tournament Record	28-22 (.560)
Current Collegiate Players	School; Year
Emma Klett	Emporia State University; So.
Kristina Brei	Regis University; Jr.
Melanie Merrill	Weber State University; Sr.

ATHLETIC/VOLLEYBALL CONTACTS

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School Mailing Address	Ironwood Ridge High School 2475 West Naranja Drive Oro Valley, Arizona 85742

COACHING STAFF INFORMATION

Head Coach	Bill Lang
Record at Ironwood Ridge/Years	595-341 (24)
Career Overall Record	595-341 (.636)
Career Regulation Match Record	370-105 (.779)
Associate Head Coaches	Cheryl Wojdyla (IR 2004) Jerry Azares
Assistant Coaches	Dan Bartley Jaclyn Inclan (IR 2017) Courtney Landers Tyler Low (IR 2016) Hannah Semon-Winkel (IR 2017)
Strength/Conditioning Coach	TBD
Athletic Trainer	Kelli Schneider, MS,ATC

TEAM INFORMATION

	Total	Home	Away
2025 Overall Record	24-16	9-2	8-1
2025 Region Record	7-1	3-1	4-0
2025 Region Finish	1st-Tied		
2025 State Tournament Finish	3rd-Tied		
2025 Postseason	Lost in the Semi-Finals		
2025 Team G.P.A.	3.7267		
Starters Returning/Lost	4 +Libero / 2		
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	10/6		
Total Newcomers	TBD (4)		
Starters Returning (5)	Madeline Flowers, Sr. (5-5, Lib) Kallie George, Jr. (5-7, OH) Lillian Merchant, Sr. (5-10, MB) Aubrey Schultz, Jr. (5-9, OH) Ashlyn Quiri, Sr. (6-1, OH)		
Starters Lost to Graduation (2)	Lydia Litkenhus, S Isabela Kemper, MB		
Others Lost to Graduation (2)	Audrey Cross, DS Maria Lemas, OH Selena Serrano, S/DS		
Other Players Returning (5)	Audrey Hesse, Jr. (5-8, OH) Marcella Landers, So. (5-7, S) Holly Pedegana, Sr. (5-4, DS) Genesis Othon, Jr. (5-7, OH) Kendyl Shields, Sr. (5-8, OH)		
Newcomers (4)	TBD TBD TBD TBD		
Player of the Year Candidate	Ashlyn Quiri, Sr. (6-1, OH)		
Other Post-Season Honors Candidates	Kallie George, Jr. (5-7, OH) TBD TBD TBD		



2026 WOMEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thurs	Aug 20	vs Corona del Sol (Varsity Scrimmage)	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	5:00 PM
Tues	Aug 26	Navy/Silver Scrimmage	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	
Tues	Sept 1	TBD		
Thurs	Sept 3	TBD		
Fri-Sat	Sept 4-5	<i>Wolf Howl Invitational</i>	Chandler, Arizona	TBA
Tues	Sept 8	TBD		
Thurs	Sept 10	* Sahuarita	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	6:00 PM
Tues	Sept 15	* at Rio Rico	Rio Rico High School (Rio Rico AZ)	6:00 PM
Thurs	Sept 17	* at Walden Grove	Walden Grove High School (Sahuarita, AZ)	6:00 PM
Fri-Sat	Sept 18-19	<i>Durango Fall Classic Invitational</i>	Las Vegas, Nevada	TBA
Tues	Sept 23	* Sahuaro	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	6:00 PM
Tues	Sept 24	TBD		
Thurs	Oct 1	* at Sahuaro	Sahuaro High School	6:00 PM
Tues	Oct 6	* Mica Mountain (<i>Dig for a Cure Night</i>)	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	6:00 PM
Thurs	Oct 7	* at Sahuarita	Sahuarita High School (Sahuarita, AZ)	6:00 PM
Fri-Sat	Oct 9-20	<i>Southern California Invitational</i>	San Diego, California	TBA
Wed	Oct 14	* Rio Rico	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	6:00 PM
Fri	Oct 16	* at Douglas	Douglas High School (Douglas, AZ)	6:00 PM
Tues	Oct 20	* Walden Grove (<i>Camper Night</i>)	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	6:00 PM
Thurs	Oct 22	Canyon del Oro	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	6:00 PM
Tues	Oct 27	* Douglas (<i>Senior Night</i>)	Ironwood Ridge (Volleyball Gym)	6:00 PM
Thurs	Oct 29	* at Mica Mountain	Mica Mountain High School (Vail, AZ)	6:00 PM
Tues	Nov 3	State Tournament Qualifier	TBD	TBD
Thurs	Nov 5	State Championship: First Round	Site of the higher seed	6:30 PM
Tues	Nov 10	State Championship: Quarter-Finals	Site of the higher seed	6:30 PM
Thurs	Nov 12	State Championship: Semi-Finals	Site of the higher seed	6:30 PM
Sat	Nov 14	State Championship	Veteran's Memorial Colosseum	TBA

Home Matches indicated in **Bold**

Varsity Team Invitationals indicated in *italics*

* indicates Regional Matches | Ironwood Ridge now competes in the 4A Conference; Kino Region

All home matches are played in the Volleyball Gym
 Ironwood Ridge High School
 2475 West Naranja Drive
 Oro Valley, Arizona 85742

