

Hello my name is Coach Jason King. I have been a teacher and coach here at Mohave for 5 years now.

This year I will be accompanied by Coach Austin Witherill and Coach Dylan Wright.

First we would like to thank all of you who showed up and who are having their student athletes join the Mohave basketball program. For practice, each student athlete will need athletic shorts (no cargos or sweatpants will be allowed as it will get very hot on days we practice outside), basketball shoes (any athletic type shoe will do) and a water bottle of some kind. **Students will be held out of practice if they are not wearing the correct athletic based attire as it is a safety issue.** We will reinforce this daily as our first and foremost goal is to keep each student athlete as safe and healthy as possible.

Over the last couple of seasons, we have brought an increased importance in developing a culture in our program. The fundamental of that go as follows: Respect, accountability and hard work. These are the 3 things we will be evaluating during the tier one try out process. Student athletes are expected to show respect to their peers, teachers and most importantly their teammates at all times. Students will be held accountable for their behavior as well as their ability to maintain their academic eligibility throughout the tier 1 and tier 2 process if they make it. They are STUDENT athletes first, so if they cannot keep their grades up, they will not be allowed to participate athletically. Hard work is determined by a student athletes ability to preserve. The tier 1 portion of the season can be difficult for students as there are many other athletes in the gym competing for a select number of spots on our JV and Varsity teams. We do not expect anyone to have a certain talent level or ability to play the game, but we do expect student athletes to always give their best efforts. Thank you for your time and we are looking forward to an amazing year with this new group.