

## Baldwin

**Coach:** Chris Kelly (7th year at Baldwin)

**Returning Starters:**

5-3 junior libero Alexa Cahpla

5-9 junior middle hitter Heidi Johnston

**Season Outlook:**

The team this year has a lot of senior leadership, but not a lot of match experience behind it. I expect us to compete for a WPIAL playoff berth.

**Section Favorite:**

In our section the favorites will be Canon McMillan and Moon. Canon McMillan should have a slight edge coming off of a WPIAL title.

**WPIAL Favorite:**

North Allegheny is the favorite in the WPIAL

## Bethel Park

**Coach:** Brooke Muraco (3rd year)

**Returning Starters:**

5-11 senior outside hitter Alexa Psocka

5-5 senior defensive specialist Delaney Thomas

5-9 senior setter Lucia Coccogno

5-9 senior defensive specialist Sam Stephenson

5,10 sophomore outside hitter Grace Lejeck

5-11 sophomore middle hitter Abby Neal

5-11 sophomore right hitter Sophie Puzausky

**Young Players to Watch:**

Bethel Park's Grace Lejeck and Sophie Puzausky

## Butler

**Coach:** Meghan Lucas (25th year)

**Returning Starters:**

5-6 Senior libero Sophia Lucas

5-10 Junior OH Taylor Welter

5-4 Junior DS Megan Penrod

5-8 Sophomore MH Justine Forbes

5-8 Sophomore OH Maisy Gibson

**Season Outlook:**

We look forward to competing in our strong section. Our lineup is young, but very talented and ready to compete.

**Section Favorite:** North Allegheny

**WPIAL Favorite:** North Allegheny

## Canon-McMillan

**Coach:** Sheila Mitchell (10th year)

**Returning Starters:**

5-10 senior outside hitter Jenna Vogen

6-0 senior middle hitter Abby Thronbury

5-9 senior setter Setter Lauren Reid

6-2 junior middle hitter Vicky Manda

**Season Outlook:**

We are very excited to be back in the gym and have been making up for our time lost. We return some key players from our WPIAL championship team, so we know what it takes to get there again this year. I look for a strong offense this season. We have been working on a quicker pace and a variety of attack options.

**Section Favorite:**

Moon has been tough over the past few seasons and I expect another strong showing.

## Connellsville

**Coach:** Sara Bruschi (6th year)

**Returning Starters:**

5-8 senior outside hitter Jordan Sanzone

5-7 junior outside hitter Makela Bevans

5-7 junior outside hitter/defensive specialist Bryn Shearer

5-9 sophomore middle/outside hitter Hillary Claycomb

**Season Outlook:**

This will be a rebuilding year for our program. We have a small varsity group but 12 freshmen which makes the future look promising. Our group is working very well together trying to replace five senior starters from last season.

**Section Favorite:**

Possibly Oakland Catholic. We have a few new teams in our section this year. Norwin, Penn-Trafford, Hempfield, and Latrobe always have strong programs.

**WPIAL Favorite:** North Allegheny

## Latrobe

**Coach:** Drew Vosefski (24th year)

**Returning Starters:**

5-6 senior outside hitter Gracie Wetzel

5-8 senior setter Emma Fenton

5-6 junior libero Bailey Watson

6-0 junior middle hitter Anna Rafferty

5-7 junior setter Shallyn Shank

5-7 sophomore setter Lily Fenton

5-6 sophomore outside hitter Maya Krehlik

6-0 sophomore middle hitter Emma Blair

**Season Outlook:**

Latrobe will be solid and hopes to rebound from a 2019 season where we did not achieve the goal we set for ourselves.

**Section Favorite:** Norwin

## Fox Chapel

**Coach:** Diana Andreyko (1st year)

**Returning Starters:**

senior outside/right hitter Lauren Himmel  
senior setter Katie Heidenreich  
senior middle hitter Ally Hager  
senior middle hitter Eliza Auffenberg

**Season Outlook:**

Very young team. Lost a lot of players due to our current situation.

**Section Favorite:**

Well it's difficult to not say North Allegheny when they have had such a successful run the last couple of years.

**WPIAL Favorite:**

In the WPIAL, it's anyone's game when it comes to the girls volleyball.

**Young Players to Watch:**

Butler has a young outside hitter (Ava Carney) and I think she will make an impact. Shaler always has a good group of well trained underclassmen. Pine-Richland also has a good young group.

## Moon

**Coach:** Steve Nicola (3rd year at Moon, 5th overall)

**Returning Starters:**

5-11 Junior outside hitter Molly Simmons  
5-10 Senior middle hitter AJ Thompson  
5-6 Junior libero Abby Santacroce  
5-7 Setter Meagan Robare

**Season Outlook:**

We are looking to build on our successes from last year. We are hoping to compete for a section and WPIAL championship.

**Section Favorite:**

Our section has been very competitive the last couple years and I expect that to remain the case. I do not think there is a clear cut favorite.

**WPIAL Favorite:** North Allegheny

## North Allegheny

**Coach:** Heidi Miller (9th year as head coach, 23rd with program)

**Returning Starters:**

5-11 senior outside hitter Paige Miller  
6-0 senior setter Paige Morningstar  
5-11 junior middle hitter Rachel Burton  
6-0 sophomore setter/outside hitter Mia Tuman  
5-6 sophomore defensive specialist Caroline Curran

**Season Outlook:**

We have some nice size and offensive strengths and a setter who can deliver the ball who is also offensive. When we pass well we look good, but we are a work in progress.

**Section Favorite:**

Probably us, but I think there is a lot of opportunity for many teams this year to challenge.

**Young Players to Watch:**

Sophomores Mia Tuman and Caroline Curran.

## North Hills

**Coach:** Vicky Danko

**Returning Starters:**

5-5 sophomore setter Emma Patsilevas  
5-9 junior middle hitter Katie Catrain  
5-10 senior outside hitter Sydney Ryan  
5-7 junior outside hitter Tatum zwick

**Season Outlook:**

Outlook: North Hills is excited to return four varsity members after graduating five seniors this past season. North hills is looking to make a big impact by adding some great young talent to this core of returners.

**Section Favorite:** North Allegheny

## Norwin

**Coach:** Mary Ellen Ferragonio (14th year)

**Returning Starters:**

6-1 senior right/middle hitter Rachel Sullivan  
5-10 senior setter Abigail Lichtenfels  
5-4 senior defensive specialist Jordan Stein  
5-4 senior defensive specialist Dylan Amic  
5-10 senior outside hitter Brooke Gast  
5-9 senior outside/right hitter Mackenzie Yaniga  
5-8 senior middle/right hitter Kylie Mihalov

**Season Outlook:**

Norwin will work hard to improve throughout the season

**Section Favorite:**

All teams in our section are very competitive

## Oakland Catholic

**Coach:** Emily Reeser (4th year)

**Returning Starters:**

senior middle/right hitter Flynn Anthony  
senior middle hitter Cat Jezerc  
junior outside hitter Elizabeth Ford  
junior outside hitter Ava Barkich  
junior setter Naomi Jesionowski  
junior setter/right hitter Rachel Sweeny

**Season Outlook:**

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to compete this season and hope for the best through this challenging time.

**Section Favorite:**

Being new to our section, we are excited to dual for the top spot.

**WPIAL Favorite:** North Allegheny and Canon-McMillan.

## Peters Township

**Coach:** Nikki Oakes (2nd year as head coach, 6th with the program)

**Returning Starters:**

5-8 senior libero Maddison Tassone  
5-7 senior setter Erin Hjerpe  
5-8 senior middle hitter Joslyn Jackovic  
5-9 junior outside/right hitter Hailey Pearson  
6-0 junior outside hitter Abby Willott

**Season Outlook:**

We are coming into the 2020 season heavy on the senior side and up and coming freshmen already making a mark on the varsity team as well as two transfers into the district. The work that the team has put in in the off season even with COVID is awesome. I look forward to seeing the veteran players return with hunger and grit while also mentoring our freshmen to step up and rise to the occasion.

**Section Favorite:**

I'm looking forward to seeing how Moon carries the success from last season into this one. They still have young talent and have the ability to make another impact on this season!

**WPIAL Favorite:**

Always keeping an eye on the talent and studs coming through Heidi Miller's North Allegheny program!

**Young Players to Watch:**

Moon's Molly Simmons, Pine-Richland's Sophie Catalano and Kaili Doctor, and Butler's Ava Carney.

## Penn-Trafford

**Coach:** Jim Schall (23rd year)

**Returning Starters:**

5-9 senior middle hitter Julia Hauck  
5-5 senior defensive specialist Maddie Suman  
5-5 senior defensive specialist Ellie Habura  
5-7 junior defensive specialist Kenna Schropp  
5-10 junior outside hitter Jude Lovre  
5-6 junior defensive specialist Cailin Stukus

**Season Outlook:**

We have some talented players and I think we will be a competitive team this year.

**Section Favorite:**

The section should be competitive.

**WPIAL Favorite:**

North Allegheny and Canon McMillan.

**Young Players to Watch:**

Lily Fenton, a junior from Latrobe.

## Shaler

**Coach:** Paul Stadelman (3rd year)

**Returning Starters:**

5-5 junior setter Tia Bozzo  
5-9 junior outside hitter Mia Schubert  
5-6 junior outside hitter Addie Kania  
5-10 senior middle hitter Emily Peterson  
5-11 sophomore middle hitter Mackenzie Barr  
5-7 junior defensive specialist Sara Scialdone  
5-7 senior right hitter Allison Yarnot  
5-5 junior defensive specialist Sierra Ricci  
5-2 junior defensive specialist Brooke Schweitzer  
5-2 senior defensive specialist Genna Gillespie  
5-9 senior outside hitter Morgan Gralewski (Transfer from Vincentian)

**Season Outlook:**

We have a very competitive team with a lot of position flexibility. We are excited about our opportunity to return to playoffs and battle through our difficult section.

**Section Favorite:** North Allegheny

**WPIAL Favorite:** North Allegheny

**Young Players to Watch:**

Shaler Freshman Hilary Quinn, Butler sophomore Ava Carney, Pine-Richland sophomore Kaili Doctor.

## Seneca Valley

**Coach:** Brett Poirer (2nd year)

**Returning Starters:**

6-0 senior setter/right hitter Sarah White

5-11 junior middle hitter Emma Davis

5-7 junior setter Mandy Altsman

5-6 junior libero Riley Might

**Season Outlook:**

Return to playoffs and go to states.

**Section Favorite:** North Allegheny

**WPIAL Favorite:** North Allegheny

**Young Players to Watch:**

I am sure there will be quite a few young players who will make an impact. I have a sophomore outside hitter named Brooke Pelloni who I expect to make a big impact for us.

## Upper St. Clair

**Coach:** Kim Manning (1st year)

**Returning Starters:**

junior setter Sydney Angel

senior setter Malorie Glancy

senior middle hitter Alyssa Saghy

senior right hitter Kelsey O'Leary

senior outside hitter Morgan Wieczenski

senior outside hitter Georgia Madson

**Season Outlook:**

USC returns a strong, experienced group of seniors looking to challenge for the 2020 WPIAL title. With ten senior leaders, the team did not allow the quarantine and the delayed season start to prevent their team from working out and preparing even when stuck at home. A strong supporting cast rounds out the USC varsity roster providing additional strength to each position. USC girls volleyball plans to prove they are a top competitor early and continue to steer their season towards section and WPIAL titles throughout 2020.

**Section Favorite:**

This year, more than ever, I don't believe there is a clear favorite. This section has always been highly competitive, and with many different additional factors effecting line-ups this year, it should be a season to watch extremely closely!

**WPIAL Favorite:** North Allegheny

**Young Players to Watch:**

Moon junior Molly Simmons, Bethel Park sophomore Grace

Lejeck, Baldwin junior Alexa Chapla, USC junior Sydney

Angel.