



Mike Loveless

Italy High School

Athletic Director / Head Football

Athletic Board Report

August 2025

- **HS Football** got started August 6th with grades 9-12. We have a total of 39 HS players with (down a little from last year) 23 Varsity and 16 JV kids. Biggest emphasis this year is being tough and giving effort. DO NOT be Lost, Late, or Lazy. Had a good “showing” in Wortham scrimmage and got off to a good start of giving effort. Everything is kept in perspective – Not sure how good Wortham was but we have a road scrimmage tonight with Hico to help further evaluate our level of play.
JH football started practice on the first day of school and we have a chance to be really good at this level. We have about 42 playing football and about 8 in offseason putting our numbers at about 50 kids in boys athletics. We will have two teams starting out this year and our goal is to keep it this way. Last year we had to move some 7th graders up to fill some 8th grade gaps in personnel but this year all players will stay with their grade level. Their first game is in 3 weeks versus Clifton.
- **Volleyball** team has grown- we have 45 girls playing High School Volleyball. There are 36 playing Junior High volleyball. High School and Junior High have three teams. We had a scrimmage vs Blooming Grove and had a great showing. Then played in Hillsboro and all teams showed improvement through each set. Varsity starts tournament play this weekend in Dawson on Friday.
Junior High Volleyball will start play September 4 in Meridian.
Coaches have incorporated more days in working on strength and explosiveness in the girls program. Coaches are excited to see the growth in all sports as well as growth in the weightroom.
- **Cross Country** is practicing early in the morning with JH and HS girls and boys. They do not have a meet until September 3 in Covington. The number of kids are growing with a number close to the twenties just in the JH.

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Italy Winning Tradition



-CROSS COUNTRY- 2025

Assistant Coach: Tina Richards - Head Coach: Michael Chambers
Athletic Director: Mike Loveless - Superintendent: Rachel Kistner - Principal: Sharon Graves

Date	Location	Division/Start Times
September 3	Covington	HS 4pm rolling start
September 10	Glen Rose	HS @ 9am
September 18	Waxahachie	HS @ 9:15am
September 24	Rio Vista	HS @ 10am
October 1	Hubbard	HS @ 10am - Jr High @ 3:30
October 8	Hubbard (District Meet)	HS @ 10am - Jr High @ 3:30

RUN TOGETHER.

WIN TOGETHER.



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	KICKOFF
Aug 15	Wortham (Sc)	Home	6:00 pm
Aug 21	Hico (Sc)	Away	6:00 pm
Aug 29	Scurry Rosser	Home	7:00 pm
Sep 5	Chilton	Away	7:00 pm
Sep 12	Clifton	Away	7:00 pm
Sep 19	Cayuga - Homecoming	Home	7:00 pm
Sep 26	Valley Mills*	Away	7:00 pm
Oct 3	Rio Vista* - IYAA Night	Home	7:00 pm
Oct 10	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Oct 17	Axtell*	Away	7:00 pm
Oct 24	Bosqueville* - X	Home	7:00 pm
OCT 31	Itasca*	Away	7:00 pm
Nov 7	Dawson* - Senior Night	Home	7:00 pm

District 7 2AD1 Game*

JV / 7th & 8th Gades - Football Schedule					
Aug 15	Wortham (JV Only)	Home	Oct 2	Rio Vista*	Away
Aug 21	Hico (JV Only)	Away	Oct 9	OPEN	OPEN
Aug 28	Scurry Rosser (JV Only)	Away (5:30pm)	Oct 16	Axtell*	Home
Sep 4	Chilton (JV Only)	Home (6:00pm)	Oct 23	Bosqueville*	Away
Sep 11	Clifton (Split Locations)	JV Home/JH Away (6:00pm) (5:30pm)	Oct 30	Itasca*	Home
Sep 18	Cayuga	Away	Nov 6	Dawson*	Away
Sep 25	Valley Mills*	Home	District 7 2AD1 Game*		

Regular Game Times: 7th Grade @ 5:00 pm, 8th Grade @ 6:15 pm, followed by the JV



Italy Lady Gladiators Volleyball 2025-2026



Updated 8-8-25

Date:	Opponent:	Place:	Team(s):	Time:
August 1	Practices Begin	Italy	All	
August 8	*Blooming Grove	Blooming Grove	JV/V	TBA
August 12	Open	TBD	JV/V	TBA
August 15	HILLSBORO	HILLSBORO	JV/V	4:30
August 19	OPEN	TBD	JV/V	TBA
August 21-23	Dawson Tournament	Dawson	Varsity Only	TBA
August 26	Keene	KEENE	JV/V	5:00
August 28 - 30	Kerens Tournament	Kerens	Varsity Only	TBA
September 2	Aquilla	Aquilla	JV/V	5:30
September 5	Bynum	Bynum	V only	4:30
September 9	Avalon	ITALY	JV/V	5:00
September 12	Clifton	Clifton	JV/V	4:30
September 16	Wortham	ITALY	JV/V	5:00
September 19	Open	TBD	Homecoming	
September 20	JV Tournament	ITALY	JV only	TBA
September 23	Milford	ITALY	Fresh & Varsity	5:00
September 26	District Bye			
September 30	Meridian-District	ITALY	JV/V	5:00
October 2	Frost-District	ITALY	JV/V	5:00
October 7	Itasca-District	Itasca	JV/V	5:00
October 10	Rio Vista-District	ITALY	JV/V	4:30
October 14	Hubbard	Hubbard	JV/V	5:00
October 17	Meridian-District	Meridian	V/JV	4:00
October 21	Frost-District	FROST	JV/V	5:00
October 24	Itasca- District	ITALY	V/JV	4:30(Senior Night)
October 28	Rio Vista-District	RIO VISTA	JV/V	5:00
October 30-Nov. 1	Bi-District	TBD	Varsity	TBA
November 3-4	Area	TBD	Varsity	TBA
November 6-8	Regional Quarterfinals	TBD	Varsity	TBA
November 10-11	Regional Semifinals	TBD	Varsity	TBA
November 14-16	Regional Finals/ State Semifinals	TBD	Varsity	TBA
November 20-22	State Tournament	TBD	Varsity	TBA

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Assistant: Karlie Scott and Michael Chambers
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Principal: Sharon Graves - Superintendent: Rachel Kistner



Italy Lady Gladiators Junior High Volleyball 2025-2026



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
September 4	Meridian	Away	5:00 PM
September 8	Frost	Home	5:00 PM
September 15	Itasca	Home	5:00PM
September 22	Rio Vista	Home	5:00PM
September 29	Bye	Home	5:00PM
October 6	Meridian	Home	5:00PM
October 13	Frost	Away	5:00PM
October 18	Volley for Molly- Waco	Away	TBA
October 20	Itasca	Away	5:00PM
October 27	Rio Vista	Away	5:00PM

Updated 8-14-2025

Coaches: SHAUNA STEINMETZ, HALEY MOUNCE, PRISCILLA SOLIS
Head Coach: TINA RICHARDS
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