

Bulldogs seek new leader just weeks before the start of 2019 season:

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Coaching changes are a part of life for area athletic directors. Tuesday night Hemet athletic director David Andersen found himself with a late opening for varsity volleyball coach after 5th year coach Joe Schnake resigned to take a position at Chino Hills just one week before tryouts. With one year remaining on their time in the Mountain Pass League before moving to Raincross Conference membership the Bulldogs are looking for a 10th straight league title in 2019.

In addition to serving as the Bulldogs head coach Schnake coached during the club season with Forza1 out of its Eastern location which serves Hemet and San Jacinto. He accepted a coaching role with the Northern location where he will also serve as their director of boys volleyball & community outreach.

When reached via email Andersen remarked on Tuesday morning "Joe Schnake was an amazing coach and we are incredibly grateful for his contributions to our volleyball programs. A coach of his caliber will certainly be very tough to replace. We wish him well in his new position and are diligently working to fill our vacancy with plans to start practice as scheduled next week."

Whoever accepts the job will be Hemet's fifth head coach in ten years following Janie Washburn (2 years & 2 CIF-SS title game appearance) and Jewel Robinson (2 years & 2 CIF-SS title game appearances) along with current Arrowhead Christian coach Clint Knipscheer who coached in 2009. They will inherit a roster which graduated 9 seniors from last year's Mountain Pass League title team.

This job will first be flown internally to be in compliance with the Rialto Rule which states district personnel get first dibs at any coaching vacancies before being offered up externally. Please email danderse@hemetusd.org if interested and an external candidate.

Hemet records under Schnake>>

2014: 27-3 Overall, 9-1 MPL Co-Champs (CIF-SS D3A Semis>lost v Woodcrest Christian 3-1)

2015: 25-5 Overall, 10-0 MPL Champs (CIF-SS D3A Quarters>lost v Woodcrest Christian 3-0)

2016: 24-7 Overall, 9-1 MPL Co-Champs (CIF-SS D6 Quarters>lost v Laguna Blanca 3-1)

2017: 21-6 Overall, 9-1 MPL Co-Champs (CIF-SS D5 Quarters>lost v Quartz Hill 3-1)

2018: 26-8 Overall, 10-0 MPL Champs (CIF-SS D5 2nd Rd>lost v Viewpoint 3-0)

Totals: 123-29 Overall, 47-3 Mountain Pass League

Program has won 9 consecutive Mountain Pass League volleyball titles (2010-Present)

