

Week #12 – October 30, 2023

Last Newsletter of the 2023 Volleyball Season

As this season ends, it is important to remain connected with information on the KSHSAA website, especially the volleyball page. This page will be updated with:

- 2024-2025 NFHS rule changes
- KSHSAA volleyball policy changes/updates
- Dates for the officials’ rules meetings in August 2024
- Dates/information for the Officials Clinics in August 2024
- Coaching School

State Tournaments Results

The 2023 KSHSAA State Volleyball Tournaments are complete and there for 7 state champion teams. The top four per classification are as follows:

| | 1A DII | 1A DI | 2A | 3A | 4A | 5A | 6A |
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| 1 st place | Lebo | Little River | Hillsboro | Olathe-Heritage Christian | Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege | Topeka-Seaman | Shawnee-Mill Valley |
| 2 nd place | Hanover | Montezuma-South Gray | Hoxie | Lindsborg-Smoky Valley | McPherson | OP-St. Thomas Aquinas | OP-Blue Valley North |
| 3 rd place | Sharon Springs-Wallace County | Centralia | Smith Center | Silver Lake | Andale | Maize South | Olathe Northwest |
| 4 th place | Beloit-St. John’s Tipton | Clyde-Clifton Clyde | Inman | Cheney | Louisburg | Spring Hill | OP-Blue Valley West |

Thank You to the State Tournament Officials

Congratulations to all the state tournament officials on a job well done! These exciting state tournaments are a product of teamwork and the KSHSAA registered officials play a valuable role. From the 42 KSHSAA registered officials who served as the primary contest officials to the countless other registered officials who served as line judges, score keepers, timers, and libero trackers, thank you for your time and dedication to volleyball.

Officials – School Recommendation Votes Available for 30 Days

Volleyball officials are reminded that you may access the school recommendations you received for the 2023 season for 30 days following the conclusion of the season. This information will be available from November 2 – December 2, 2023. Please go to the KSHSAA website and login as an official, then go to your personal page. Please remember that school recommendations are only available to those officials who were qualified to work postseason tournaments.

2024 Postseason – Blue Official Shirts

REMINDER: To work varsity and postseason contests, officials must wear the KSHSAA-approved blue shirt. In addition, ALL postseason officials will wear blue shirts. This will include registered officials who work as line judges at the state tournaments.

Link to purchase KSHSAA-approved apparel: [OfficialApparel.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](#)



Match Contracts for the 2024 Season

No earlier than November 5, 2023, League Commissioners and/or school athletic directors will be extending contracts for matches and tournaments for the 2024 volleyball season. Officials are responsible for and encouraged to contact league commissions and/or athletic directors regarding your availability and interest in working matches. As a reminder, only registered officials can be assigned to varsity volleyball matches.

NFHS Survey Available in Early November

Once again, the NFHS Volleyball survey will be available to all registered officials and the KSHSAA high school and middle school coaches. This survey provides everyone with a voice in the NFHS Volleyball rules and feedback on the changes implemented for the 2023 season as well as your input on potential changes for the future. Watch for an email from the KSHSAA soon regarding the survey. Your participation is valuable and strongly encouraged.

Ideas for Rule Changes Welcome

All officials and coaches who would like to suggest a rule change that is not a part of the survey are encouraged to contact Sarah Smith at the KSHSAA (785-273-5329); ssmith@kshsaa.org. Recommendations for NFHS playing rules are needed by November 10, 2023. Coaches can make recommendations for the KSHSAA volleyball program and those will be forwarded to the KCA volleyball representative for a survey item.

Off-Season Preparation

Preparation in athletic officiating is never ending. Preparation cannot be limited to the period during which matches are played. The season is too short and the matches too few to achieve the necessary proficiency. The official's approach (attitude) to officiating will, in large measure, determine the degree and extent of preparation.

Officials' off-season preparation should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Maintain a physical conditioning program
- Replacement and/or repair officiating gear (uniform, equipment)
- Attend camps/clinics; stay abreast of the latest offensive/defensive systems
- Review procedures, become acquainted with the academics of officiating
- Take time for philosophical reflection.

There are no shortcuts to becoming a competent official. Preparation is a result of thought, study, review, and labor.

Register for the 2024-2025 Season

In the spring of 2024, the KSHSAA will mail registration materials to all 2023 registered officials. These materials allow officials to register for the 2024-2025 school year. Officials who were registered during the 2023-2024 school year and who register for the following school year will have from June 1 until July 14 to register at the current rate of \$60 for one (1) sport and \$25 for each additional sport. Beginning July 15, experienced officials (those registered during the 2023-2024 season) will pay a \$75 fee for one sport and \$25 for each additional sport.

Update Address/Personal Info

Officials are reminded that if you have a change of address or change in your name, phone number, or email address, you are responsible to go to your personal page on the KSHSAA website and make the appropriate changes. In addition, all officials are strongly encouraged to post an appropriate personal photo on this site. Your picture is not available to the public. It is very helpful to school administrators and for fellow officials. Remember that the KSHSAA cannot contact you if you do not let us know of any contact changes.

Wanted: Officials for 2024-2025

This season we had 777 KSHSAA registered volleyball officials. While the registered numbers may seem rather large, if you consider how many volleyball matches take place across the state on any given night or weekend, there continues to be an ongoing need to recruit officials to fill the needs of the member schools. During the off-season, all officials are encouraged to promote officiating with friends, former coaches, and players.

Thank You for Serving

On behalf of the KSHSAA membership, thank you for your service this year as a KSHSAA registered volleyball official or a volleyball coach. School activities are an exciting part of the school year. Coaches and officials play a valuable role, ensuring that the activity is played in an educational environment.

Useful Websites

KSHSAA Volleyball Website: [Volleyball \(kshsaa.org\)](http://Volleyball(kshsaa.org))

KSHSAA Volleyball Manual: [Volleyball.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](http://Volleyball.pdf(kshsaa.org))

NFHS Volleyball Website: [Volleyball \(nfhs.org\)](http://Volleyball(nfhs.org))

NFHS Learn: NFHS Learn | Interscholastic Education, Made Easy

KSHSAA Officials Apparel Info: [OfficialApparel.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](http://OfficialApparel.pdf(kshsaa.org))