



Kansas State High School Activities Association

2015 Volleyball ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NOTE: References referred to include:

Rule Book: 2015-2016 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book • **Manual:** 2015-2016 KSHSAA Volleyball Manual

Online: www.kshsaa.org/athletic/volleyball

See contents, manual, page 11

Required Rules Meeting and Test

(Head Coaches - HS and MS/JH and all Registered Officials)

1. Important Info For Rules Meeting and Test

All online rules meetings and test requirements will be completed through a new InfoWave application, either on a desktop computer or a mobile device (new option this year). Detailed instructions are included in your test packet. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

2. Coaches Rules Meeting

Rules meeting available online only August 3 - August 27. Meeting requires interaction by participant with information presented; credit given once coach successfully completes the meeting. Please print certificate.

3. Officials Rules Meeting

15 face-to-face rules meetings across Kansas from August 6 - August 27. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Must complete and turn in attendance card. No online option this year for officials.

4. Rules Test

All head coaches and registered officials must take NFHS "open book" volleyball exam. Paper exam of 100 questions mailed to schools/officials. Submit answers online to 50 questions (random sampling). Exam available August 3 - September 1.

- Must score 90% or better on exam; below 90% = school name in KSHSAA Journal, official not eligible for postseason assignment.
- Exam answers not received by 9/1 = school pays KSHSAA \$25, official on probation or suspension.

5. Rules Book

Coaches: order your rules book from the KSHSAA (\$7.00). See order form in test packet.

School Responsibilities

1. Solid-Colored Uniform Top Required 2016-2017 season

As a reminder, the use of the solid-colored uniform is required July 1, 2016. Who must wear the solid-colored jersey?

1. The libero player may wear the solid-colored jersey and the color must be in contrast to the predominant color(s) to the team uniforms.
2. The team may be in the solid-colored jerseys that are in contrast to the predominant color(s) to the libero's uniform top.
3. Both team and libero may be in solid-colored jerseys, but the libero's jersey must be in contrasting color to the teammates' jersey.

2. Preparing To Host

- All authorized officials secured by host school (5-1-1)
- Training assistant officials (info online and in rules book, pages 24-27, 53-61)
- Effective communication with all involved
- Match set-up and equipment
- Special pre- and post-match details
- Preparations for guest teams
- Additional event details, workers

NOTE: Hosting information available online and in manual (back cover).

3. Adult Line Judges are Strongly Recommended for All HS Varsity Matches.

- Schools must identify and train (see KSHSAA online information).
- The KSHSAA Executive Board strongly recommends that schools provide line judges for volleyball matches at all levels.
- See "Come On - It Isn't That Hard To Secure and Train Line Judges" at www.kshsaa.org/athletic/volleyball/other/information/line_judge_information.

4. Supervision of All Matches Important

See manual, pages 6 and 7.

5. KSHSAA Registered Officials are Required

Please ask to see officials license for proof of current year registration. Registered officials for all non-varsity competition recommended.

6. Reports to KSHSAA

Please report unusual situations/sportsmanship challenges to the KSHSAA (for reports on officials, see **Form S** located online at www.kshsaa.org). PLEASE NOTIFY KSHSAA of positive and rewarding experiences that take place.

7. KSHSAA Checklist

Please be reminded of the school checklist inside the front cover of the manual.

8. Form VB-1 (Official Recommendations) Due October 7 -14

Recommendation of officials by participating schools is a very important part of officials selection for postseason tournaments.

- School administrator and coach work together to submit school recommendations.
- Recommendations submitted online (Form VB-1).
- Submit recommendations (5-10) between October 7-14.
- Do not recommend an official "sight unseen."

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT
FORM VB-1
WILL RESULT IN
A \$25 FINE
TO MEMBER SCHOOLS**

Coaches

1. Participation Dates - 2015 Season

- **Monday, August 17**
First day of practice (HS; MS/JH)
- **Friday, August 28**
First day of competition (HS)
- **Last Day of Competition (HS)**
The final date for school competition shall end on the date the state championship series or the date the school is eliminated from postseason competition.

2. Practices

There are no required number of practices for volleyball players or teams prior to their first contest.

3. Athlete Physicals

All high school and middle school athletes must have a KSHSAA physical examination/parental consent form completed and turned in before they are allowed to practice! The physical may not be taken/dated earlier than **May 1, 2015**.

4. Concussion/Head Injury Release Form

Based on Kansas law, any student participating in athletics or spirit MUST have on file with the school a Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form signed by both a parent/guardian and the student. This form must be on file before the student participates in their first practice of the school year.

5. KSHSAA Rule 43 - Match Scheduling

HS: No high school player or team may exceed 36 points for regular season play or play in more than 40 matches.

HS Season Schedule = 36 points

Dual (1 team, 1 match) = 1 pt.; Triangular (3 teams, 2 matches) = 2 pt.; Quadrangular (4 teams, 3 matches) = 3 pt.; Tournament (no more than 6 matches) = 5 pt.

NOTE: Team/player limited to 4 regular season tournaments

MS: No middle school player or team may exceed 30 points for the regular season or play in more than 34 matches.

Coach – To avoid possible competition violations, **track player participation – i.e., number of matches played, what squad played on, number of tournaments** (chart available online).

6. Preseason Meetings

Coaches are encouraged to have preseason meetings with athletes and parents. Among a number of items to discuss are:

- School policies (attendance, transportation, lettering, substance abuse, etc.)
- Player expectations/team rules
- Sportsmanship/conduct
- KSHSAA rules/regulations (outside competition, etc.)
- NFHS playing rules/emphasize new ones
- Be pro-active by addressing piercing body parts, glitter/body paint, arm bands, tattoos, etc.

www.kshsaa.org

(athletic>volleyball>other information>offseason rules)

OFFSEASON RULES & REGULATIONS

**Outside competition
Coaches in summer
Define school year/summer**

7. Who Can Coach

Schools must employ all coaches/coaches aides by written agreement. Volunteers shall not coach with an exception provided for individuals who are certified staff employed by the member school district (see your administrator).

8. Scrimmages

Scrimmages with colleges prohibited (*see manual, page 16*).

9. Ejected Coaches and Players

Coaches and Player who are ejected from a contest (at all levels) will be required to complete the NFHS "Teaching & Modeling Behavior" course prior to coaching in their next event (next event is next regularly scheduled day of competition). Course fee is \$20 and can be completed in one hour. School administrator responsible to provide KSHSAA with copy of course completion certificate. Recurring ejections result in repeating this online course. Officials must complete "unusual situation report" immediately after contest.

10. Teach the Game, Rules

Work with coaching staff on the rules of the game. Copy test, have them take it. Review announcement sheet content. Work with players on rules, protocol procedures. Share school expectations. #1 sportsmanship issue is coaches and players who don't know the rules.

Officials

1. Area Supervisor Meetings

- Nine KSHSAA volleyball area supervisors, selected for knowledge of rules, officiating experience and geographical location.
- Primary role is to assist KSHSAA in disseminating information to officials, working toward uniformity of sport rules interpretation and application by all officials.
- Area supervisors conduct clinics and series 1 and series 2 meetings (see list/schedule on page 4 for meetings in your area of the state).
- **2015 Clinics are designed for officials with 0-5 years experience (see page 4).**
- **ALL 0-5 YEAR OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

2. Officiating Attire

NFHS Rule 5-2-1—Uniform:

black slacks; KSHSAA all-white, short-sleeved, collared polo shirt; black shoes and socks

NFHS Rule 5-2-2—Equipment:

whistle, red/yellow cards, line-up card, pencil, coin and a watch.

- Black shorts, wind pants and capri pants are not permitted, and black jeans are discouraged. White shoes and sandals are also inappropriate.

3. Match Contracts

- The Arbiter online assigning program will be used by most league commissioners. Officials will receive and accept contracts via email. Email reminders will be sent to officials prior to contest.
- An official's word is their bond. If contracts are broken by schools or officials, please notify the KSHSAA.

4. Communication Important

- Give coaches information prior to the first match of the day (your name, town, match date, match opponents, level of competition, etc.)

5. Pre-Match Duties

- Arrive early/at least 30 minutes in advance of contest (inform school if going to be late)
- Meet with host manager, partner
- Specific duties (*rules book, pages 19-24*)
- Conduct pre-match conference (*captains and head coach, at least 15 minutes before match*)

6. Reports To KSHSAA

Please report unusual situations; unsportsmanlike/disqualified players, coaches or fans; removal of player uniform.

PLEASE NOTIFY KSHSAA regarding schools with untrained or absent assistant officials (scorekeepers, timers, libero trackers, line judges).

7. Postseason Assignments

- Assignments based on schools' recommendations.
- Priority and first consideration will be given to those who have met standards listed on page 21 of the *Volleyball Manual* for the 2015 season.

OFFICIALS:

Please make application with KSHSAA to work postseason tournaments (form online).

Due Date: Wednesday, October 1

Coaches & Officials

1. Heat and Humidity

COACHES: Please take proper precautions when practicing in non air-conditioned facilities. #1 challenge is water loss through perspiration. See Manual, page ##.

**NEVER RESTRICT
THE AMOUNT OF WATER
AN ATHLETE DRINKS, AND
BE SURE THEY ARE
DRINKING WATER!**

OFFICIALS: Please address possible challenges with severe heat at the pre-match conference. Use good judgment in reference to a need for a water break.

2. Warm-Up Procedure

Schools/leagues are to establish the warm-up procedure for all regular season matches. This is not the officials' responsibility/decision. Timers are to assist in keeping teams on task.

3. End-of-Match Procedure

When the R1 has confirmed that the match is completed, players and coaches will be directed to the net for post-match handshakes. Starting at right side (as players face the net) players will proceed single file to shake hands with the opponent.

4. Letters of Permission

Letters of permission required for players with cochlear implant, prosthetic limb, helmet and religious dress. See VB Manual, page 15.

5. Removal of Player Uniform (4-2-1e)

Coaches must communicate to players that it is inappropriate to remove any part of the uniform while in the playing area.

6. Volleyballs

White or color panel volleyballs may be used for competition. Ball must have NFHS authenticating mark (see Rule 3-2, page 14).

7. Pink Event Info

www.kshsaa.org>Volleyball>Other Information>Pink Event Guidelines

8. No Flags

Per NFHS Rule 5-9-4: Flags WILL NOT BE USED by line judges for making signals in competition. Line judges will continue to use the hand signals as outlined on page 61.

9. Rule 1-2 (25 Point Sets)

All high school varsity matches will consist of 25 point sets (exception: 3 out of 5 set varsity dual match = 5th set to 15 points). Varsity matches not utilizing 25 points in the 3rd set of a 2 out of 3 set format = not completed matches; matches not counted for postseason seeding purposes.

10. Modifications at Sub-Varsity, MS Level

- Set/Match length (shortened) by mutual agreement
- Uniform (must be appropriate, variance in style, number placement allowed)
- Boys playing (net height remains same). Consider safety and displacement of girls. Schools should communicate.

11. Questionnaires, Reports

PLEASE complete and return surveys received from the NFHS and/or KCA (*KS Coaches Assoc.*) and KVA (*KS Volleyball Assoc.*). Your input is valued and appreciated.

12. Ejected Coaches & Players

Coaches who are ejected from a contest (at all levels) will be required to complete the NFHS "Teaching & Modeling Behavior" course prior to coaching in their next event. (Next event = next regularly scheduled day of competition). Course fee is \$20 and can be completed in one hour. School administrator responsible to provide KSHSAA with copy of course completion certificate. Recurring ejections result in repeating this on-line course. **Players** who are ejected required to that free "NFHS Sportsmanship Course (on-line). Officials must complete "unusual situation report" immediately after contest. See 2015-2016 VB Manual, pg. 17).

13. Sportsmanship/Conduct

Good sportsmanship and conduct are integral parts of the interscholastic volleyball program. **The conduct of coaches is the single most important factor in crowd control.**

There is a card system for unsportsmanlike conduct violations. **The yellow card is a warning to signal a "ZERO TOLERANCE" of a repeat behavior deemed unacceptable.**

14. Recruiting New Officials

Encourage former players, parents and those who officiate in other sports to register as a volleyball official. Interested individuals may register online at www.kshsaa.org>Officials.

www.kshsaa.org

athletic>volleyball>weekly newsletters

**2015 KSHSAA
VOLLEYBALL
NEWSLETTER**

Posted every Monday morning
(August 31 - November 2)
Contents=unusual situations, rules interpretations, reminders, etc.

KSHSAA Tournament Facts

1. Assignments

There will be eight classifications in volleyball: 6A, 5A, 4A DI, 4A DII, 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII. Once KSHSAA classifications are set for the 2015-2016 school year (no later than October 1), sub-state assignments will be released at www.kshsaa.org.

2. All Postseason Tournaments

May suit up no more than 12 players for competition.

Must follow required warm-up procedure (see manual, page 18).

Team Records for Seeding and Seeding Criteria (see manual, page 22).

All tournament brackets posted at www.kshsaa.org when available.

3. Win/Loss Record Form (VB-1)

DUE TO KSHSAA OCTOBER 21.

4. Sub-State Tournaments (All Classes)

Eight tournaments per classification.

- **Seeding**—Wednesday, October 21 at 10 a.m.
- **Competition**—Saturday, October 24 (1 p.m.-2 p.m. start) - ACT Date
- First-place advances to state play (see manual, page 24).

5. State Tournaments (All Classes)

Eight tournaments – Class 1A DI and 1A DII, Hays (FHSU); Class 2A and 3A, Emporia (White Auditorium); Class 4ADI and 4A DII, Salina (Bicentennial Ctr.); Class 5A and 6A, Topeka (Kansas Expocentre)

- Brackets posted Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m.
- Competition – Friday, October 30 and Saturday, November 1
- 2015 Rotation – 5A, 4A DI, 3A, 1A DI at 8:30 a.m. Friday; 6A, 4A DII, 2A, 1A DII at 3:30 p.m. Friday.
- Format – Pool Play Friday, top two teams per pool advance to Saturday (see manual, page 26)

6. State Programs

All schools qualifying for state competition must send KSHSAA team picture & VB-4 (squad list) by October 27

Souvenir State Programs - \$4

Area Supervisors Schedule

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Stefanie Couch, Plains

- 1 Mon., Aug. 24 Dodge City (Aux. Gym)
- 1 Wed., Aug. 26 Hugoton (Cafeteria)
- 2 Sun., Sept. 20 Garden City (Athletic Entrance) (3 p.m.)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 23 Liberal (Commons Area)

Jerry Higgins, Hutchinson

- 1 Tues., Aug. 25 Hutchinson (Career & Tech Ed Bldg.)
- 1 Wed., Aug. 26 St. John (Cafeteria)
- 2 Sun., Sept. 27 Hutchinson (Career & Tech Ed Bldg.) (1 p.m.)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 30 St. John (Cafeteria)

Marsha Koster, Clay Center

- 1 Tues., Aug. 25 Marysville JH Room 168)
- 1 Wed., Aug. 26 Manhattan (Library)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 23 Manhattan (Library)
- 2 Mon., Sept. 28 Marysville JH (Room 168)

Terry Plumberg, Salina

- 1 Mon., Aug. 24 Osborne (Library)
- 1 Wed., Aug. 26 Minneapolis (Library)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 23 Beloit-St. Johns
- 2 Sun., Sept. 27 Salina-St. John's Military (Library) (4 p.m.)

Ron Price, LaCygne

- 1 Wed., Aug. 26 Chanute
- 1 Wed., Sept. 2 Pittsburg (Little Theatre)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 23 Chanute
- 2 Wed., Sept. 30 Pittsburg (Little Theatre)

P.J. Tuma, Olathe

- 1 Mon., Aug. 24 Overland Park-CAPS
- 1 Tues., Aug. 25 Olathe-Northwest (Flex Theater)
- 2 Sun., Sept. 20 Overland Park-CAPS
- 2 Mon., Sept. 28 Olathe-Northwest (Flex Theater)

Mike Welty, Wichita

- 1 Sun., Aug. 23 Goddard-Eisenhower (Commons) (1:30 p.m.)
- 1 Thurs., Aug. 27 Augusta (Commons)
- 2 Sun., Sept. 20 Augusta (Commons) (1:30 p.m.)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 23 Goddard-Eisenhower (Commons)

Barb Williamson, Topeka

- 1 Tues., Aug. 25 Topeka-KSHSAA (Hall of Fall Room)
- 1 Wed., Aug. 26 Emporia-ESU (Visser Hall) (Room 243)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 23 Emporia-ESU (Visser Hall) (Room 243)
- 2 Sun., Sept. 27 Hoyt-Royal Valley (Commons) (4 p.m.)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 30 Topeka-KSHSAA (Hall of Fall Room)

Lisa Woody, Ludell

- 1 Sun., Aug. 30 Colby Middle School (Library) (4 p.m.)
- 1 Wed., Sept. 2 Hays (Lecture Hall)
- 2 Sun., Sept. 20 Colby Middle School (Library) (4 p.m.)
- 2 Wed., Sept. 23 Hays (Lecture Hall)

Volleyball Clinic

All clinics will begin at 8 am

Sat., August 15

- Clearwater
- Overland Park-Blue Valley North
- Salina-St. John's Military

Sat., August 22

- Cimarron
- Clay Center-Clay Center Community
- Hoyt-Royal Valley
- Hutchinson (Activity Center)
- Iola
- Quinter

Important Dates to Remember

Coaches: (*Select Schools)

Aug. 6 - 27 – Online Rules Meeting

Aug. 3 - Sept. 1 – Online Test

Aug. 17 – First Day of Practice

High School Dates:

Oct. 7 - 15 – Officials Recommendations (VB-1)

Oct. 15 – Roster to SS Mgr. (VB-2)

Oct. 21 – Win/Loss Form to KSHSAA (VB-3)

Oct. 24 – Sub-State Tournaments

*Oct. 26 – State Roster and Picture to KSHSAA (VB-4)

*Oct. 30 - 31 State Tournaments

Officials:

Aug. 6 - 27 – Face-to-face Rules Meeting

Aug. 3 - Sept. 1 – Online Test

Aug. 24 - Sept. 4 – Series 1 Area Supervisor Meetings

Sept. 21 - Oct 2 – Series 2 Area Supervisor Meetings

Oct. 1 – Postseason Application to KSHSAA



PERFECTION VX5EC- 220
(gray, blue, white)

Official KSHSAA Volleyball for all Postseason Tournaments