

Defending champions headline top spots in KVA preseason poll

Six of last year's seven state volleyball champions begin the season ranked No. 1 in their respective classification in the Kansas Volleyball Association's preseason rankings.

Blue Valley West (6A), St. Thomas Aquinas (5A), Bishop Miege (4A), Olathe Heritage Christian (2A), Central Plains (1A DI) and Hanover (1A DII) all begin the 2021 season where they left off a year ago after capturing state championships.

The lone non-title team to grab a No. 1 spot in the KVA's preseason rankings is Smoky Valley, which was runner-up in Class 3A to Sabetha a year ago. Sabetha is ranked No. 4 to start the season.

KANSAS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION PRESEASON RANKINGS

CLASS 6A

1. Blue Valley West
2. Olathe Northwest
3. Washburn Rural
4. Blue Valley North
5. Lawrence-Free State
6. Blue Valley Northwest
7. Blue Valley
8. Shawnee Mission Northwest
9. Wichita Northwest
10. Wichita East



CLASS 5A

1. St. Thomas Aquinas
2. St. James Academy
3. Lansing
4. Spring Hill
5. Maize South
6. Mill Valley
7. Bishop Carroll
8. Newton
9. Great Bend
10. Seaman



CLASS 4A

1. Bishop Miege
2. Andale
3. McPherson
4. Ottawa
5. Circle
6. Louisburg
7. Clearwater
8. Clay Center
9. Nickerson
10. Wamego



CLASS 3A

1. Smoky Valley
2. Cheney
3. Thomas More Prep-Marian
4. Sabetha
5. Nemaha Central
6. Phillipsburg
7. West Franklin
8. Riverton
9. Goodland
10. Silver Lake



CLASS 2A

1. Olathe Heritage Christian
2. Smith Center
3. Garden Plain
4. Wabaunsee
5. Jefferson County North
6. Sedgwick
7. Meade
8. Hillsboro
9. Pittsburg Colgan
10. Spearville



CLASS 1A DIVISION I

1. Central Plains
2. Lebo
3. Pretty Prairie
4. St. John
5. Little River
6. Jackson Heights
7. Victoria
8. Burlingame
9. Kiowa County
10. Thunder Ridge



CLASS 1A DIVISION II

1. Hanover
2. Attica
3. Hutchinson Central Christian
4. Golden Plains
5. St. Francis
6. Wheatland-Grinnell
7. Linn
8. Dighton
9. South Central
10. Beloit-St. John's-Tipton

