

## Week #12 – November 4, 2024

Please read through this information as this is important information coaches and officials need to be aware of this season. These newsletters will be sent weekly throughout the season. If you are aware of an unusual situation or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email [ssmith@kshsaa.org](mailto:ssmith@kshsaa.org). Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

### **2024-2025 SEASON COMPLETION**

Congratulations to the 56 teams that qualified for the 2024 State Volleyball Tournament and congratulations to our! Thank you to the 42 officials that worked at the 2024 State Volleyball Tournaments!

	6A	5A	4A	3A	2A	1A DI	1A DII
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mill Valley	St. Thomas Aquinas	Bishop Miege	Halstead	Maranatha	Little River	Hanover
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blue Valley West	Seaman	Rock Creek	Nemaha Central	Valley Heights	Centralia	Lebo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Olathe West	St James Academy	Hayden	Hoisington	Inman	Clifton Clyde	Ingalls
4 <sup>th</sup>	Manhattan	Kapaun Mt Carmel	McPherson	Neodesha	Ellinwood	Flinthills	Argonia

### **NFHS SURVEYS**

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 2024 season as well as your input on potential changes for the future. Participation is valuable and strongly encouraged.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 14, 2024!**

NFHS Volleyball Rule Change Proposal Form: <https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/nfhs-sport-questionnaires>

### **IDEAS FOR RULES CHANGES**

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](mailto:ssmith@kshsaa.org). Recommendations for NFHS playing rules are needed by November 13, 2024. Coaches can make recommendations for the KSHSAA volleyball program and those will be forwarded to the KCA volleyball representative for a survey item.

### **UNIFORM COMPLIANCE**

UNIFORMS: Please ensure that your uniforms are compliant. We are still seeing uniforms with numbers that are not a clear contrast to the body color of the uniform. Remember that the trim of the number DOES NOT MATTER. If the body color is a dark color, the number color should be a light color and vice versa. See pages 21-22 in the [KSHSAA Volleyball Manual](#). If you are ordering new uniforms, please ensure that they are compliant. Feel free to email a mockup to Sarah Smith at [ssmith@kshsaa.org](mailto:ssmith@kshsaa.org) for approval.

## **MATCH CONTRACTS FOR THE 2025 SEASON**

No earlier than November 3, 2024, League Commissioners and/or school athletic directors will be extending contracts for matches and tournaments for the 2025 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.

## **UPDATED ADDRESS/PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Officials are reminded that if you have a change of address or change in your name, phone number, or email address, you are responsible for going to Arbiter 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.

## **OFFICIALS FOR THE 2025-2026**

This season we had 797 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 meet the needs of member schools. During the off-season, all officials are encouraged to promote officiating with friends, former coaches, and players.

## **THANK YOU!**

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.

## **Looking Ahead – 2025-2026 Dates:**

- August 18, 2025: Beginning Practice Date
- August 29, 2025: Earliest Possible Competition
- October 20/21: Regional Quads/Tris (3-1A)
- October 25, 2025: Sub-State
- October 31-November 1: State Tournament