

KSHSAA VOLLEYBALL NEWSLETTER

#10 – November 2, 2020

LAST NEWSLETTER; STAY CONNECTED WITH KSHSAA WEBSITE

This is the last volleyball newsletter for the 2020 KSHSAA season. Please read carefully and don't forget to stay connected with the KSHSAA volleyball site throughout the year for information regarding: ►2021-2022 NFHS rule changes; ►KSHSAA Volleyball policy changes/updates; ►Dates for Official & Coach Rules Meetings, August 2021; ►Information /dates for the Officials Clinics in August, 2021; ►Coaching School (August 2-4) and clinicians/content; etc.

COVID-19 & 2020 SEASON

There are many words we can use to describe this past season & some uncensored words might include – DIFFERENT; HOPEFUL; INTERESTING; UNUSUAL; OPTIMISTIC; EXTRAORDINARY. The season has been nothing like anyone of use could have imagined. The goal of the KSHSAA has been to allow Kansas students to participate/play. To reach the postseason has been extraordinary. With COVID-19 KSHSAA "Best Practices" in place, we are fortunate to have had a post-season experience for our Kansas student participants.

STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 2020 KSHSAA State Volleyball Tournaments are completed! There are 6 new state champion teams. Brackets and scores are available via the KSHSAA website and additional info will be added soon. The "Top 4 per Classification" results follow. * = repeat champion.

- 6A** = 1. OP-Blue Valley- West; 2. Olathe-Northwest; 3. Topeka-Washburn Rural; 4. Garden City
5A = 1. *OP-St. Thomas Aquinas; 2. Lansing; 4. Wichita-Bishop Carroll; 4. Maize South
4A = 1. Shawnee Mission-Miege; 2. Andale; 3. Ottawa; 4. McPherson
3A= 1. Sabetha; 2. Lindsborg; 3. Pomona-West Franklin; 4. Goodland
2A = - 1. Olathe-Heritage Christian; 2. Smith Center; 3. Wabaunsee; 4. Hillsboro
1ADI = 1. Central Plains/Wilson; 2. Lebo; 3. St. Johns-Hudson; 4. Pratt-Skyline
1ADII= 1. Hanover; 2. Attica; 3. Hutchinson-Central Christian; 4. Grainfield-Wheatland-Grinnell

STATE T-SHIRTS AND PROGRAMS

Questions have been received regarding the availability of a state volleyball program and the state t-shirt. Both will be available for purchase from the KSHSAA. T-shirts can be ordered via the KSHSAA Website

<https://www.khsaastore.org/products?s%5Bf%5D%5Bc%5D%5B%5D=%2FVolleyball>

A link will become available soon for the program. I will email all coaches when this is ready

THANKS TO STATE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Congratulations to all state tournament officials on a job well done! These exciting state tournaments are a product of teamwork and KSHSAA registered officials play an valuable role: from the 35 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. Thanks for your gold medal teamwork!

OFFICIALS - SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION VOTES AVAILABLE FOR 30 DAYS

Volleyball officials are reminded that you may access the school recommendations/votes you received for the 2020 season **FOR 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEASON**. This information will be available from **November 2 – December 2, 2020**. Please go to the KSHSAA website and login as an official, going to your own personal page. Remember, school recommendations are only available to those officials who qualified to work post-season tournaments.

MATCH CONTRACTS FOR THE 2021 SEASON

No earlier than November 1, League Commissioners and/or School Athletic Directors will be extending contracts for matches and tournaments for the 2021 volleyball season. **MANY CONTRACTS ARE BEING MADE VIA THE ARBITER ASSIGNING SYSTEM. ALL CONTRACTS, REGARDLESS, SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING AND CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE DETAILS OF THE CONTEST** - Date, Location, Starting Time, Level of Play (i.e., HS, Jr. High, Jr. Varsity, etc.), Number of Matches, Salary per Match, Mileage Reimbursement (optional in some leagues/schools), etc.

▶ **Officials, you are responsible & encouraged to contact league commissioners and/or school Athletic Directors regarding your availability & interest in working matches.**

NFHS SURVEY AVAILABLE EARLY NOVEMBER

Once again, the NFHS Volleyball survey will be available to all registered officials and KSHSAA HS and MS coaches. This survey provides everyone a voice in the NFHS Volleyball rules: feedback on the changes implemented for the 2020-2021 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 & STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!**

IDEAS FOR RULE CHANGES WELCOME

All officials & coaches who would like to suggest a rule change that is not a part of the survey are encouraged to contact Cheryl Gleason @ the KSHSAA (785/273-5329); cgleason@kshsaa.org; Cell/Text (785/231-8895). Recommendations for NFHS playing rules are needed by 11/10. Coaches, recommendations for the KSHSAA volleyball program are always welcome and will be forwarded to the KCA volleyball representative for a survey item.

OFF-SEASON PREPARATION - WHAT'S YOUR GOAL FOR 2021?

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 officials 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
- ▶ Replace/repair officiating gear (uniform, equipment)
- ▶ Attend camps/clinics; Stay abreast of the latest offensive/defensive systems
- ▶ Review procedures, become reacquainted with the academics of officiating

Take time for philosophical reflection. **There are no shortcuts to becoming a competent and complete official. Preparation is a result of unremitting thought, study, review and labor.**

KSHSAA OFFICIAL CLINICS AND KSHSAA COACHING SCHOOL TOPICS

Unlike this past year, the KSHSAA is hopeful that we will be able to conduct our annual KSHSAA Coaching School and KSHSAA Volleyball Clinics. We would appreciate input from both coaches and officials regarding content/topics for upcoming Officials Clinics and Coaching School. Both of these events provide a great educational experience for Kansas coaches and officials, therefore, we would welcome your ideas for event content. If you have an interest in being a speaker/presenter, please notify Cheryl Gleason @ cgleason@kshsaa.org

REGISTER FOR THE 2021-22 SEASON

In the spring of 2021 the KSHSAA will mail registration materials to all 2020 registered officials. These materials allow officials to register for the 2021-2022 school year. Officials who were registered during the 2019-2020 school year and who register for the following school year will have from **June 1 to until July 14 to register at the current rate of \$50 for 1 sport and \$25 for each additional sport.** Beginning July 15, experienced officials (those registered during the 2020-21 season) will pay a \$70 fee for 1 sport and \$25 for each additional sport. **MARK YOU CALENDAR!!**

UPDATE ADDRESS/PERSONAL INFO CHANGES

Officials are reminded that if you have a change of address or change in your name, phone number, email address, etc. you are responsible to go to your personal page on the KSHSAA website and make the appropriate change. In addition, all officials are strongly encouraged to post an appropriate personal photo on

this site. NOTE: Your picture is not available to “the public”. It is very helpful to school administrators and for fellow officials that you might be assigned to work with.

Remember –the KSHSAA cannot contact you if you don’t let us know of any contact changes.

WANTED: OFFICIALS FOR 2021-2022

This season there were 713 KSHSAA registered volleyball officials. We are down over 100 officials from last year. While the registered numbers may still seem rather large, if you consider how many volleyball matches take place across the state on any given night or week-end, there continues to be an ongoing need to recruit new officials to fill the needs of the member schools. During the off-season, all officials are encouraged to promote among friends, former coaches and players, etc. the opportunity to register as an official in the 2021 season. **ARE YOU GOING TO RETIRE FROM OFFICIATING?** If so, you are encouraged to find someone to take your place.

PLEASE REFER INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO THE OFFICIALS BROCHURE on the KSHSAA website
<http://www.kshsaa.org/Public/Official/Brochure.pdf>

THANKS FOR SERVING

On behalf of the KSHSAA membership, thanks for service this year as a KSHSAA registered volleyball official and 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.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SERVICE IN THE 2021 SEASON!