

2025-26 VOLLEYBALL MANUAL

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WELCOME

This *Volleyball Manual* has been prepared and designed to provide general information for use in the administration of the KSHSAA volleyball program as well as the regional, sub-state, and state tournaments. A copy of this manual has been sent to the principal and head volleyball coach of all KSHSAA member schools participating in volleyball and all postseason tournament managers. No doubt questions will arise during the regular season, invitational tournaments, and prior to the start of the postseason tournament series, but we believe many of these questions will be answered by a thorough study of this manual.

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Checklist

- ☐ August 21: ADM-FALL due – Submit online indicating postseason participation (invoice will be mailed to AD)
- ☐ August 28: Volleyball Rules Test due to KSHSAA (online)
- ☐ August 28: Volleyball Rules Meeting due to KSHSAA (online) if coach did not attend an in-person meeting
- ☐ October 1-8: Send Volleyball Officials Recommendations for postseason tournaments to KSHSAA
- ☐ October 12: 3A, 2A, 1A – Match scores must be updated on the KSHSAA website by 8 a.m.
- ☐ October 15: 3A, 2A, 1A – Send Regional Squad List and Pass Gate to Regional manager
- ☐ October 20: 6A, 5A, 4A – Match scores must be updated on the KSHSAA website by 8 a.m.
- ☐ October 20: 3A, 2A Regional Quads
- ☐ October 21: 1A DI, 1A DII Regionals Quads
- ☐ October 22: All Classes – Send Sub-State Quad List and Pass Gate to Sub-State manager
- ☐ October 26: Submit State Quad List, Pass Gate and Team Photo by NOON to the KSHSAA

2025-26 NFHS Volleyball Rules Changes

3-2-1 NOTE (NEW): Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, state associations may adopt the use of a non-smooth or textured volleyball.

4-2-1h(3), 4-2-1i(2): Team members may wear black, white or gray undergarments in addition to undergarments that match the predominant color of the uniform top/bottom under the uniform top and/or bottom. All team members, other than the libero, wearing an undergarment must wear the same color.

4-2-4d, f: Beginning July 1, 2029, the number on the front of the uniform must be centered on the upper half of the uniform top eliminating the measurement requirements from the shoulder seam and neckline.

5-3-2b, 5-5-3b(9): Eliminates the requirement for the second referee to carry and use a lineup card to check the starting lineups.

9-4-8c (NEW): Eliminates the judgment call of a multiple contact fault in a single attempt to play the ball on the second team hit if the ball is next contacted by a teammate.

10-4 PENALTIES 1: Changes the penalty administration for an illegal libero replacement to an unnecessary delay if identified before contact of serve and an illegal alignment if identified after contact for serve.

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Year	SCW	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Beginning Practice Date	7	8/18	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13
Earliest Possible Competition	8	8/29	8/28	8/27	8/25	8/24
Regional Tournaments <i>Class 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII</i>	16	10/20-21	10/19-20	10/18-19	10/16-17	10/15-16
Sub-State Tournaments	16	10/25	10/24	10/23	10/21	10/20
State Tournaments	17	10/30-11/1	10/29-31	10/28-30	10/26-28	10/25-27

STUDENT HEALTH & SAFETY

Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE)

No student is eligible to represent any school team (in practice and games) until there is on file with the superintendent or principal a statement (physical form) certifying that the student has passed an adequate physical examination and is physically fit to participate. The form must be signed by any of the following licensed health care providers: a physician, a chiropractor, a physician assistant (PA), or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). The statement (form) must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian, stating the student has permission to participate. The physical examination shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

KSHSAA Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form

This form must be signed by all student-athletes and parent/guardians before the student participates in any athletic or spirit practice or contest each school year.

Concussion Management / Kansas Law

Below is a summary of our recommendations to our member schools to comply with the state law and the NFHS playing rule. A complete and detailed version can be found on the KSHSAA website in the sports medicine and safety section.

1. If concussion consistent signs or symptoms are observed in an athlete, the athlete should be immediately removed from the practice or contest.
2. The athlete should not be allowed to return to any practice or contest until written clearance is obtained from a health care provider (MD or DO).
3. The KSHSAA and the NFHS strongly recommend the athlete not be allowed to return to the practice or contest the same day the concussion consistent signs or symptoms were observed.
4. A gradual return-to-play protocol should be followed before the athlete is allowed to return to unrestricted participation in their sport.
5. The signed concussion and head injury information release form must be on file with the school.
6. Be sure all of your coaches view the free online course from the NFHS: Concussions in Sports, What You Need to Know. This course can be accessed through the sports medicine and safety section of our website or directly through www.nfhslearn.com. Schools may choose to use this course in group settings with parents, students, or with school staff at in-service meetings.

NFHS Guidelines on Handling Practices and Contests during Lightning or Thunder Disturbances

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safe areas.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for 30 minutes and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed before resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

4. Review annually with all administrators, coaches, and game personnel.
5. Inform student-athletes of the lightning policy at the start of the season.
6. No matter how weather is monitored, hearing thunder or seeing lightning should always take precedence in decision making over information obtained from other sources.

KSHSAA Recommended Procedures to Consider When Inclement Weather Occurs During a Contest

The safety of athletes (participants), spectators, coaches/directors, school personnel, and all others present at an athletic contest must be the first and foremost concern of contest officials and building administrators.

1. When an interscholastic contest has been scheduled and dangerous playing conditions exist or severe weather is anticipated, the following should be considered:
 - a. Prior to beginning an athletic contest, when severe weather is anticipated, the head contest official and the principals of each school, or their designees, will meet to review the suspension and/or postponement procedures. This would include any playing rule book coverage.
 - b. The host school administrator will be responsible for informing contest officials, visiting school administrators, and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements of designated shelter areas.
 - c. If a TORNADO WATCH has been issued, the host team building administrator and the head contest official will notify coaches, school administrators, and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements that the possibility of abrupt suspension of play exists.
 - d. If a TORNADO WARNING has been issued, the contest should be suspended immediately. Participants, spectators, and all personnel involved with the contest will be advised to "take cover." The procedure will be announced, when available, over the public address system.
 - e. When lightning is observed in the vicinity of a contest conducted outdoors, play should be suspended.
 - f. If any other life-threatening condition occurs, play should be suspended immediately and predetermined directions to safe locations will be announced.
2. When a suspension of a contest occurs, the following should be considered:
 - a. If the suspension is 45 minutes or greater, resuming at a later date should be considered.
 - b. When it appears that weather conditions are no longer a threat to the safety of participants, spectators, or contest officials, administrators from all schools involved will meet with the head contest official to determine if play will continue. If any administrator or the head contest official casts a negative vote for play to resume, the suspension should continue.
 - c. If play is to be resumed, contestants will be given at least a 15 minute warm-up period prior to competition.

For more information check out www.kshsaa.org>Sports Medicine & Safety

General Fire and Life Safety Guidelines for School Events

The Fire Prevention Division of the Kansas State Fire Marshal Department requires the following:

PRE-EVENT

- a. Verify that all doors leading to exits are operable and in good working order. All emergency exit doors shall be equipped with panic hardware. No other type of lock, latch, or bolt shall be used on any emergency door at any time.
- b. Verify that all access corridors leading to exits are kept clear of storage. Verify that exits are properly lighted and exit signs are functional.

- c. Verify that the building fire alarm system is on and operable. Test emergency backup generator and/or battery emergency lighting to ensure it is functional.
- d. Verify the fire extinguishers in the vicinity of the event are in place and operable.
- e. Verify that brief written instructions are available for any public address announcer outlining fire, emergency, and severe weather (in season) exiting or shelter procedures.

EVENT

- a. At no time shall more than the set maximum number of occupants be admitted to the event. Properly maintain aisles by ensuring they are not blocked by chairs, tables, or spectators.
- b. Ensure that proper fire safety and crowd control procedures are utilized.
- c. Smoking should be prohibited.
- d. If more than 300 people are in attendance at an indoor public event (not necessary for school-only assemblies, etc.), an audible announcement shall be made prior to the start of each program to notify the occupants of the locations of exits to use in case of fire or other emergency. The public address announcement should be similar to the following: "In accordance with the Kansas State Fire Marshal Regulations, we request that you take a moment to identify the emergency exits closest to you. We have checked these exits and other emergency equipment in this building and verify that they are operable in case of emergency."
- e. In events where more than 1,000 people are in attendance, crowd managers/ushers shall be provided at a ratio of one crowd manager/usher for every 250 people. For events where less than 1,000 people are in attendance, provide sufficient staff/ushers to adequately cover the event.
- f. Any crowd manager/usher used at any event shall be knowledgeable on the duties they are to perform in case fire, emergency, or severe weather exiting is necessary. Additionally, employees or attendants shall have received instruction in the proper use of portable fire extinguishers and/or other manual fire suppression equipment (if provided).
- g. Vehicles shall not be parked in any manner which will block the safe exiting of occupants from any emergency exit door.
- h. In situations where severe weather is possible, staff/ushers shall ensure that access to any shelters is possible.

For additional information on these requirements, please contact:

*Fire Prevention Division, Kansas State Fire Marshal Department, 800 SW Jackson, Suite 104, Topeka, KS 666012
Phone: 785-296-3401 • Fax: 785-296-0151*

Statement on Performance Enhancing Drugs and Nutritional Supplements

In order to promote the health and safety among all student-athletes, reduce health risk, maintain ethical standards as well as reduce liability risk, students should not use any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency, for the purposes of performance-enhancement. All school personnel, including coaches and school nurses, should never recommend the use of any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription), or nutritional supplement, as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency, for the purposes of performance-enhancement.

School personnel should not dispense or administer any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, unless the student-athlete is under the direct care of a licensed health professional, licensed to practice in the state of Kansas and practicing within their scope of practice as defined by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, and only as prescribed.

We recommend that coaches, athletic directors, nurses, and other school personnel develop strategies that address the prevalence and growing concerns of using any drug, medication, or nutritional supplement for the purpose of performance-enhancement. Athletes should be encouraged to pursue their athletic goals through hard work, appropriate rest, proper hydration, and good nutrition, not unsubstantiated shortcuts. School personnel, coaches, and parents should allow for open discussion about dietary supplement use and should strongly encourage obtaining optimal nutrition through a well-balanced diet.

(adopted by the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Executive Board, April 2017)

KSHSAA POLICY INFORMATION

KSHSAA Coach/Sponsor CPR/AED Training Requirement

Per *KSHSAA Handbook Rule 10-1-9*: Any person serving in the role of a head or assistant sport coach/aide or a head or assistant activity sponsor/aide in a KSHSAA member school shall be certified or trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) administration.

Components of the rule are as follows:

1. Following an initial 30-day grace period from the start of the season, personnel are not eligible to work as a coach or sponsor for their school until proof of completion of CPR/AED training is on file with their school.
2. Every coach/sponsor must complete CPR/AED training every two (2) years.
3. The training shall be coordinated by a certified CPR instructor.
4. Online only training courses are not accepted.
5. There must be a hands-on educational component to the training process.
6. On an annual basis by activity, a school administrator must acknowledge through the KSHSAA website that each coach/sponsor is currently trained in CPR/AED administration. To acknowledge rule compliance, a school administrator should login to the KSHSAA website and go to the Coach/Sponsor Requirements page. Select the activity and enter the date of CPR/AED training next to each coach/sponsor name. If you do not see the coach/sponsor listed, add that person through the Update Directory process online. All head and assistant coaches/sponsors should be listed for every activity!

Training could be obtained from the following organizations:

- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- American Safety & Health Institute / Medic First Aid
- National Safety Council

Potential sources for locating a certified CPR instructor:

- School nurse
- School/community athletic trainer
- Local emergency personnel: EMTs, firefighters, police officers
- Community hospital
- Contacting the organizations listed above

Heat Illness Prevention Education Requirement

On an annual basis and prior to the beginning of fall sports practices, each KSHSAA member school will provide all coaches/directors of its athletic and activities programs (marching band, cheer, and dance teams) with an educational inservice program on prevention of heat illness and proper hydration of participants. Member schools are strongly encouraged to utilize the free *NFHS Heat Illness Prevention* course or an equivalent program for this purpose. Instruction may take place in a group setting or in an individualized manner.

Heat Acclimatization Rule for all Fall Sports (KSHSAA Rule 30-1-8)

Art. 8: Beginning Monday of SCW #7, the following practice rules apply to football, boys and girls cross country, boys soccer, girls volleyball, girls gymnastics, girls tennis, and girls golf:

- a. Only one practice per day is permitted the first 5 days of practice. All individuals shall only practice once per day for the first five days the individual practices, no matter when the person joins the team or if the person misses days due to injury/illness.
- b. No single practice may last longer than 3 hours. All warm-up, stretching, conditioning, and weight lifting is included as part of the 3 hour limit.
- c. A separate walkthrough is permitted in addition to the single practice. The walkthrough cannot be longer than 1 hour and must be separated from practice by at least 3 hours of rest. A walkthrough is defined as a teaching opportunity with the athletes in which no protective equipment is worn. No physically exerting activity, including any conditioning or weight lifting, may take place during the walkthrough.
- d. Beginning on practice day 6, double practice sessions are permitted for any individual who has completed 5 days of single practices. Double practice sessions cannot be held on consecutive days. The day following a double practice day would be either a single practice day or a rest/recovery day.
- e. On days of multiple practices, no single practice may last longer than 3 hours and total practice time combined shall not exceed 5 hours.
- f. To be deemed a practice, a majority of the squad members must participate in the organized team training session.

KSHSAA Ejection Policy

Requirements for Ejected Coaches

Any coach ejected from a contest shall be suspended from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Additionally, coaches who are ejected from a contest (at all levels grades 7-12) are required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course prior to coaching in their next game. (The course fee is \$20 and can be completed in one hour.) The next game is defined as the next regularly scheduled day of competition. In addition, the school administrator is responsible for providing the KSHSAA administrator with a copy of the coach's certificate of completion of the online course. (The coach may print this as the final step on the online course.) Recurring ejections result in a requirement to repeat the course.

Requirements for Ejected Players

Any player ejected from a contest for unsporting conduct or behavior shall be suspended from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Additionally, any player ejected from a contest at any level of play (grades 7-12) for unsporting conduct or behavior will be required to successfully complete the free NFHS Sportsmanship Course online, prior to the KSHSAA and school reinstating his/her eligibility privileges. The school principal or athletic director is responsible for overseeing compliance with this requirement. There is no cost for the course which takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Schools are not required to submit the student's certificate of completion to the KSHSAA but should retain it on file. An appeal process utilizing video images from a school designated (Hudl, NFHS Network, or coaches game film) source may be requested by school administration. Such an appeal must be initiated within 24 hours of the ejection.

Ejection Policy for Player, Coach, Spectator Involving an Official

Any participant (player, coach, spectator) who is ejected for making contact with an official, who is ejected for unsporting behavior directed toward an official, or who negatively confronts an official following a contest, shall be subject to a non-appealable suspension from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Local school leadership may levy additional sanctions as they deem appropriate.

The KSHSAA staff reviews all ejection reports.

NOTE: The requirement for all ejected students to complete the *NFHS Sportsmanship Course* and the requirement for all ejected coaches to complete the *NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior* course prior to being reinstated remains in effect.

Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

Unless granted special permission by the KSHSAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS) for any purpose is not permitted at any KSHSAA state tournament or postseason game or event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arenas, mats, gym floors or pools, and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the KSHSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas. During the regular season, member schools should have a drone policy. At no time should a drone be on or over the field of play.

If granted permission by the KSHSAA Executive Director, a drone may be utilized for filming purposes under the following conditions:

1. Local law enforcement and host venue policies permit use of a drone.
2. The drone operator complies with all FAA regulations.
3. The host school provides written permission.
4. The venue owner provides written permission.
5. The drone is operated under the supervision of a school staff member (including a member of the coaching staff).
6. The drone is operated such that it is never closer than 30' from the boundary of the field of play projected vertically.
7. The drone is never operated directly over or within 30' of spectator seating.
8. The drone is never operated directly behind a goal.
9. The flight of the drone is within 5' of the center of a vertical cylinder (it is "tethered").
10. The drone is grounded whenever the wind speed exceeds 30 mph or whenever the pilot cannot maintain operation within the allowable vertical cylinder.
11. The drone operator/owner provides proof of third-party aviation liability insurance.

KSHSAA Multimedia Use Policy

Adopted by the Executive Board at their November 20-21, 2024 meeting.

The member schools of the KSHSAA understand capturing images of student participants before, during, and after competitions/performances allow stakeholders the opportunity to share and reflect upon the experience. It is also a teaching and learning opportunity for student journalists. Photographing or video taping of events should never delay or disrupt an event nor compromise the safety of participants or photographers. School and event administrators may designate specified areas or times for photographers at any event.

Event/Competitor Pre-scout by Schools

Member school staff or designees may not film any school's activity contest in which they are not a participant without advanced written permission from the principals of all schools involved in a contest/performance.

General Public

1. Spectators of a KSHSAA event may not live stream any event. The host or designee are responsible for approving member schools and members of the media for livestreaming approval.
2. Video or photos should not be taken of individual students if the person taking the video or photos is not directly related to or preapproved by the student or member school administrator to capture video or photographic images.

Media

Professional media should follow expectations and codes of conduct detailed by the Kansas Press Association, Kansas Broadcasters Association, and the KSHSAA.

KSHSAA Pre-Activity Timeout

Purpose: As a proactive communication measure, schools are expected to designate a time prior to the start of any interscholastic contest to share event critical information with stakeholders. The following information should be shared/reviewed prior to the first contest at each location:

1. Introduction of home and visiting administration on duty (identify primary point of contact).
2. Identify the location of athletic trainer(s) or other qualified medical professionals.
3. Identify the location of the AED(s).
4. Identify emergency entrance/exits for the facility.
5. Identify the storm shelter location and communication plan for evacuation.
6. Identify the rapid body cooling plan (location of cold water immersion tub).
7. Identify the communication plan for leadership.
8. Identify the communication plan for respective groups (students, coaches, fans).
9. Identify any special events or concerns relative to the event.

These nine items are to be reviewed prior to the event by the ranking school leader of every school involved in the contest. Each participating school is to be represented in this pregame meeting. If an administrative representative is not in attendance, this responsibility belongs to the head coach.

HAVE A PLAN. COMMUNICATE YOUR PLAN.

The KSHSAA Code of Ethics for Coaches, Directors, Aides, Adjudicators, Judges, and Officials

Believing that mine is an important part in the nationwide school activity program, I pledge to act in accordance with these principles:

1. I will honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
2. I will study the rules, observe the work of other coaches, directors, adjudicators, judges, or officials and will, at all times, attempt to improve myself and the activity.
3. I will conduct myself in such a way that attention is drawn not to me but to the young people participating in the contest.
4. I will maintain my appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the activity.
5. I will cooperate with the news media in the interpretation and clarification of rules and/or other areas relating to good sportsmanship, but I will not make statements concerning decisions made during the contest.
6. I will uphold and abide by all rules of the KSHSAA and the National Federation.
7. I will shape my character and conduct so as to be a worthy example to the young people who participate under my jurisdiction.
8. I will give my complete cooperation to the school which I serve and to the KSHSAA which I represent.
9. I will cooperate and be professional in my association with other coaches, directors, adjudicators, judges or officials and will do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
10. I will keep in mind that the contest is more important than the wishes of any individual.
11. I will make responsible decisions about consumption of alcohol, including abstinence from alcohol at least 12 hours prior to a contest in which I will be involved.
12. I will not use tobacco or e-cigarette products while directly involved in interscholastic activities.

Summer Moratorium

June 29 - July 5, 2026 is the summer moratorium. There shall be NO school related athletic activities. During this time coaches (licensed teacher coaches and coach aides employed by member schools) shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weight lifting, conditioning, competition, or travel. All member school athletic facilities will be closed during this period to school personnel and students grades 7-12. If member school athletic facilities also serve as non-school community recreation facilities, these facilities may remain open during the moratorium so long as no school teams are playing and no school coaches are coaching the teams/individuals. During this one week dead period, students may attend camps or competitions but may not do so with their school coaches. This moratorium does not impact fine arts or spirit activities.

Rationale: The last few years there has been a growing concern within the KSHSAA membership that students and coaches were not being able to have time to themselves during the summer. It was surveyed and discussed at the October Regional Board of Directors Meeting in 2017 and then voted on at the April, 2018 KSHSAA Board of Directors meeting to establish a rule to allow students and coaches a week off during the summer.

For Q/A on this policy, go to www.kshsaa.org.

Rule 52 - Citizenship/Sportsmanship

INTRODUCTION—The effective American secondary school must support both an academic program and an activities program. We believe that these programs must do more than merely coexist—they must be integrated and support each other in “different” arenas. The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected, and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

PHILOSOPHY—Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in the American schools. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand, and to value the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model SPORTSMANSHIP, to build school pride, and to increase student/community involvement; this ultimately translates into improved academic performance. Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP for our youth as respected representatives of society. **Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!**

ALL ACTIONS are to be FOR, NOT AGAINST; POSITIVE, NOT NEGATIVE or DISRESPECTFUL!

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: SPORTSMANSHIP is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below for clarification:

- a. Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff, and fans).
- b. Know the rules; abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- c. Win with character and lose with dignity.
- d. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- e. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team, and school.
- f. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

Art. 2: Enforcement Procedure:

- a. It is encouraged and recommended by the Kansas State High School Activities Association that local boards of education adopt these regulations and reinforce them as indicated herein.
- b. The Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association shall be responsible for the interpretation of these regulations, including “desirable and unacceptable behavior” and shall publish them in the association's *Citizenship/Sportsmanship Manual*.

ADMINISTRATION OF ALL CONTESTS

Administrators & Coaches: Very Important!

SPORTING CONDUCT - EACH ADMINISTRATOR AND COACH whose school participates in an athletic event is charged with the important role of teaching the highest principles and standards of general behavior. The school administration and coach should never overlook any opportunity to remind and emphasize tactfully the need and value of proper respect of the opponents with regard to their organized cheering activities; the decisions of the match officials; and the importance of desirable and proper conduct both at home and away. The KSHSAA feels that with proper guidance, the conduct of our students and those who support them can be a tribute to the overall educational and activities program throughout Kansas.

The following "Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events" are very explicit in the responsibilities of hosting an athletic contest. They are placed in this manual to benefit all concerned regarding the expectations of the KSHSAA for sportsmanship that must surround any volleyball tournament.

Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events

Responsibilities of Host and Visiting Schools

1. The administrators of both schools are responsible for the general organization, management, and supervision of student bodies and crowds before, during, and following each event, with the home school assuming the major role.
2. Communicate prior to date of contest concerning visitors parking area, entrance, and exit locations for fans, seating sections, etc.
3. Provide adequate supervision prior to and during the contest, to continue until at least one-half hour after the match, or until all groups have dispersed.
4. It is recommended those staff members representing the participating schools for the purpose of match administration and/or supervision meet prior to the contest. They should introduce themselves to the officials prior to the contest and let them know where they will be located during the match.
5. Faculty supervisors or adults delegated by the school administrators should carry some type of identification.
6. **The conduct of coaches is the single most important factor in crowd control.** They are professional educators and must control themselves under stress in order to set the proper example for the immature students on their teams, student body, and the heterogeneous combination of spectators in the stands. It is not enough to be professional only when there is no pressure. Coaches are usually the stabilizing influence in an emotionally-charged situation, and they must assume this important responsibility. Also they must recognize that the future of high school athletics is more important than winning or losing the match.
7. *Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products (e-cigarettes, vaping products) are prohibited.*
8. Both schools must approve the officials for each regular-season contest prior to the completion of the officials' contracts.
9. Any person, school-connected or otherwise, who commits assault and/or battery against students, school employees, or match officials shall make amends to the offended person or persons, and the Executive Board of the KSHSAA shall be satisfied that the public interest does not require prosecution or further disciplinary action. Unless the person or group has made amends to the offended person or persons, then charges should be filed. It is the host school's responsibility to file such charges. Ordinary order and discipline at interscholastic events should be enforced by prosecution and action in the courts.
10. Administrators and supervisors shall see that spectators are not permitted to assemble around the edge of the playing court area prior to or at the conclusion of a match.
11. The host and visiting school administration and adult supervisors shall make every effort to keep the court area clear of spectators prior to and at the conclusion of each match.
12. A member school may not film any school's activity/contest if they are not a participant without written permission from the involved school principals in advance of the contest.

13. KSHSAA Pre-Activity Timeout (see information on page 11). Have a plan. Communicate your plan!

Responsibilities of the Host School

1. Notify visiting school of reserved parking spaces for buses, specific entrance, and exits to be used by team and student body, match time, and other important items necessary to conduct the contest.
2. Designate specific seating locations for visiting and host schools.
3. Provide adequate police and faculty supervision, to begin at least one-half hour prior to match time and end when all groups have dispersed. Explain to them and all fans, the playing area is to remain free of spectators prior to and after the contest.
4. Arrange for the presence of law enforcement officials inside and outside the contest area. It is suggested the inside supervision be handled by paid police and the outside by the local police department.
5. School officials should give specific directions to hired policemen. Do not assume they understand their responsibilities. Place them on a staggered schedule so that all will not arrive and leave at the same time. It may be necessary to have only a small number present prior to match time, with more as the contest progresses and is concluded.
6. Arrangements should be made with local police to direct traffic away from parking areas so spectators can leave quickly.
7. Any person, school-connected or otherwise, who commits assault and/or battery against students, school employees, or match officials shall make amends to the offended person or persons, and the Executive Board of the KSHSAA shall be satisfied that the public interest does not require prosecution or further disciplinary action. Unless the person or group has made amends to the offended person or persons, then charges should be filed. It is the host school's responsibility to file such charges. Ordinary order and discipline at interscholastic events should be enforced by prosecution and action in the courts.
8. Reserved parking locations should be set aside for the match officials, and they should be notified of the location prior to their departure for the match site.
9. The host school should provide two adult chaperons or security personnel to escort officials to and from their dressing facilities, then to their cars.
10. The officials' dressing quarters are private. No one should be admitted, and this includes personnel from the host school. Use **No Admittance** signs (Form O) found online at www.kshsaa.org, to assure privacy.
11. Make arrangements to accept and deliver emergency messages.
12. Any unusual incidents or developments should be reported to the KSHSAA immediately.

Responsibilities of Visiting School *(see Responsibilities of Host School)*

1. An administrator and adequate faculty or adult supervisors should be present at each contest in order to supervise their own students and adult fans. Prevent unsportsmanlike behavior prior to, during, and after the contest. **Explain to your fans prior to going to the tournament site they are not to be on the floor prior to or after the contest.**
2. See that all bus drivers and delegated drivers are informed of the special parking locations provided by the host school.
3. Inform all student spectators and the team of proper entrance and exit locations.
4. See that supervision is available prior to the arrival of your spectators and until all groups have dispersed.
5. Report any unusual incidents to the host school administration **immediately**.
6. Give complete cooperation and assistance to the host school when it is necessary to file charges against any individual causing a disturbance.

Bloodborne Pathogens Responsibilities

Schools hosting contests, as well as participating schools, are reminded of the following guidelines:

1. Host schools should have someone on hand who has been properly trained to handle situations involving blood on any part of the facilities, for example, gym floors, locker room floors.
2. Host schools should have available proper consumable supplies for the above person to use including disinfectant, rubber gloves and proper containers for disposal of blood-stained materials.

3. Participating schools should handle the removal of blood from their own athletes and must use proper precautions including rubber gloves and disinfectants.
4. Officials should not be involved in the removal of blood from playing surfaces or athletes.

Hints for the Public Address Announcer

The announcer is a key figure and carries a great responsibility. What he or she says and the way it is said will influence the crowd. He or she may find it necessary to make special announcements in case of emergencies. The following items may assist announcers in doing their job with excellence:

1. Be impartial. Announce the match with no show of favoritism.
2. Use proper language at all times.
3. Be enthusiastic, but calm.
4. Don't anticipate or second guess calls by the officials.
5. Be aware of the entire gymnasium area so that calm directions can be given in an emergency. Serious situations can often be avoided if the announcer will caution the crowd against coming onto the court, throwing things, etc.
6. Only those in charge of the event use the microphone. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the P.A.
7. Do not criticize officials' decisions, directly or indirectly.
8. Announce convenient routes for leaving the gymnasium and caution the crowd to drive carefully.
9. Advise crowd to remain for the alma maters if this is a part of the program.
10. Public address announcers should be aware that good sportsmanship is a very important part of interscholastic activities. Announcers can play an important role in encouraging sportsmanship. The following is presented as a possible pre-match announcement for any interscholastic contest. Pre-contest announcement:

"Activity programs at (name) High School are primarily for the student participants. The purpose of this activity is to provide positive learning experiences and opportunities for personal growth of the participants. We are pleased to host our guests from (name) High School. This competition is being conducted according to the rules of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Cheerleaders, officials, and spectators can (and are expected to) assist in the promotion and achievement of good sportsmanship ideals by taking personal responsibility for keeping this contest at a high level of fair, clean, wholesome competition. Good luck to both teams!" *(See page 12 regarding citizenship/sportsmanship announcements.)*

Sporting and Conduct

We are sure you concur with the KSHSAA in its belief that considerable effort should be exerted by managers to promote the highest principles of good sportsmanship.

- You are urged to give the officials your utmost cooperation in helping them eliminate any form of rowdiness.
- If there should be any patrons unwilling to accept the principles of good sportsmanship or if there are some who desire to view the matches while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, managers should see that those individuals are refunded their money and evicted.

Experience has demonstrated that good sportsmanship is not an inherent characteristic of all people attending high school volleyball contests. Because of this fact, it is impossible to acquire the optimum in good sportsmanship at your event without considerable effort and planning in advance. How can this be done?

- Through the medium of the public address system, certain announcements can be made concerning this matter.
- Cheerleaders can be schooled so that they will be on the alert to stamp out any demonstration.
- The English or journalism departments can prepare local news releases, the same to be forwarded to the newspapers in the towns represented in a tournament, emphasizing the importance of proper sportsmanship on the part of the patrons who plan to attend; pointing out that one of the justifications for an interscholastic athletic program is that it serves as a means of teaching proper attitudes and ideals to the students.

A little effort on the part of the administrator/manager will do much to stimulate fair play, friendly rivalry, and good sportsmanship among the contestants and patrons at each event!

Sportsmanship Announcements

The following are examples of citizenship/sportsmanship announcements:

1. Interscholastic activities are an integral part of a student's education. There is no place in an educational environment for poor sportsmanship.
2. Interscholastic volleyball must be educational. Please contribute to an educational environment by being a good sport.
3. Interscholastic volleyball teaches citizenship and sportsmanship. Please do your part by being a good sport.
4. We ask all fans to display positive reinforcement for your team. Sportsmanship is practicing the Golden Rule.
5. Good citizenship and good sportsmanship are contagious. Let's start an epidemic!
6. Grantland Rice said: "When the great scorer comes to write against your name, he writes not whether you won or lost, but how you played the game." Play well and be good sports.
7. The KSHSAA or _____ High School wishes to remind you that the ideal of sportsmanship is to be practiced and adhered to throughout the contest.
8. The KSHSAA or _____ High School appreciates your support of interscholastic activities and its principle objective. You are reminded this is an educational event and the practice of good sportsmanship is encouraged by all.
9. This event and all interscholastic activities intend to teach morals, character, and the American system of achievement. We appreciate your support of the achievers and the interscholastic objective.
10. We would ask all in attendance to practice good sportsmanship and citizenship throughout the tournament. Support your team in a positive manner; don't be negative.
11. Please keep in mind winning is for a day—sportsmanship/citizenship is for a lifetime.
12. High school activities are an extension of the classroom and there is no place in the educational environment for poor sportsmanship. Accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative.
13. We are all here for the same purpose—to win a state championship. Only one team will win, but we can all be winners by practicing good sportsmanship and citizenship.
14. Sportsmanship/citizenship is nothing more than treating others as we like to be treated. Be the best you can be, whether a player, coach, or fan. Be a good sport!
15. Good sportsmanship/citizenship is conduct which imposes self-control involving honest rivalry, courteous relations, and gracious acceptance of the results. Be a good sport!

Charitable Contributions, Solicitations, and Sales

With the assembly of people at tournaments, managers will be confronted with requests pertaining to donations and contributions to the various organizations which rely upon this system of financing their programs. The passing of hats, receptacles, blankets, etc., inside the gymnasium at any Association-sponsored tournament for the purpose of contributions should not be permitted. There shall be no sale of any items on the premises other than normal food concessions and programs, unless approved in advance by the manager and the KSHSAA.

VOLLEYBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Regulations

All competition must be held **between Friday, August 29 and the state tournament, October 30 - November 1, 2025** (or when a team is eliminated in postseason competition).

The number of practices required before an athlete participates in volleyball competition is determined by the school.

2025-26 NFHS Volleyball Rules Changes

3-2-1 NOTE (NEW): Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, state associations may adopt the use of a non-smooth or textured volleyball.

4-2-1h(3), 4-2-1i(2): Team members may wear black, white or gray undergarments in addition to undergarments that match the predominant color of the uniform top/bottom under the uniform top and/or bottom. All team members, other than the libero, wearing an undergarment must wear the same color.

4-2-4d, f: Beginning July 1, 2029, the number on the front of the uniform must be centered on the upper half of the uniform top eliminating the measurement requirements from the shoulder seam and neckline.

5-3-2b, 5-5-3b(9): Eliminates the requirement for the second referee to carry and use a lineup card to check the starting lineups.

9-4-8c (NEW): Eliminates the judgment call of a multiple contact fault in a single attempt to play the ball on the second team hit if the ball is next contacted by a teammate.

10-4 PENALTIES 1: Changes the penalty administration for an illegal libero replacement to an unnecessary delay if identified before contact of serve and an illegal alignment if identified after contact for serve.

KSHSAA Volleyball Bench Policy

1. Teams are no longer required to switch benches between sets. Teams will switch benches if there is a distinct disadvantage on one side of the net. Teams may remain at their benches between sets by mutual agreement of both coaches. Schools must declare distinct disadvantages prior to their first match. This information is available by logging into the KSHSAA website and going to Activities.
2. If teams do NOT switch benches, line judges must switch ends after each set.
3. At the state tournament sites, because the sides are equal, the home team (higher seed) will choose their bench for the match. Teams will NOT switch benches during the match. Line judges will switch ends between sets.

Rule 43—Volleyball (Girls)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12) (See *Rule 30-1-8a-e, Season of Activities*)

Art. 1: The KSHSAA interscholastic volleyball program is designed for girls in grades 7-12.

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than four players from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than four squad members on the same team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high school volleyball, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #8.

Art. 3: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. (**See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities**). No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

Art. 4: No team or girl representing a member high school shall participate in more than 36 competition points. A team/player may play in a maximum of 40 matches. KSHSAA postseason tournaments are not included in this number.

- a. **Dual** (one match between two schools) = 1 point
- b. **Triangular** (three schools playing one another) = 2 points
- c. **Quad** (four schools playing one another) = 3 points
- d. **Tournament** (more than four teams involved or when teams play four or more matches in one day) = 5 points

Tournaments are limited to no more than six matches being played by any one school. Teams are limited to no more than four tournaments at any one level of competition (i.e., varsity, junior varsity, etc.).

NOTE: A tournament is defined as a multiple school contest in which a winner is declared. Quadrangulares are not tournaments. Any volleyball competition involving more than four schools shall be declared a tournament.

Player Exception: When varsity teams and sub-varsity teams play on the same day at the same site, participation in both sub-varsity and varsity matches counts as the same match.

The same is not applicable when varsity teams and sub-varsity teams play on the same day at separate tournaments. Players participating in both varsity and junior varsity tournaments on the same day have played in two of their allowed tournament competitions.

Tournament Exception: In a league with nine or more schools, a two day league tournament or seven matches may be approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board if necessary. Leagues must apply in advance for prior approval.

Art. 5: The season shall close with the state championship tournament during Standardized Calendar Week #17.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No team or girl representing a member middle school/junior high shall participate in more than 30 competition points. A team/player may play in a maximum of 34 matches.

- a. **Dual** (one match between two schools) = 1 point
- b. **Triangular** (three schools playing one another) = 2 points
- c. **Quad** (four schools playing one another) = 3 points
- d. **Tournament** (more than four teams involved or when teams play four or more matches in one day) = 5 points

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KSHSAA Rule Interpretations for Volleyball

Multiple school contest vs. tournament - The KSHSAA Executive Board adopted a policy that a five (5) school competition does not constitute a tournament when a school does not exceed three (3) matches in a day and does not compete against all other schools present. Tournaments are tournaments. This interpretation allows schools to attend a quad to play matches without playing all teams in the quad.

Definition of student team membership - A student becomes a member of a school athletic squad when she first participates in a practice session. A student ceases to be a squad member after her last contest for the school in that sport or when the membership on a squad is terminated.

Definition of "same school squad" - A player is considered to be a part of a certain squad if she enters into a set for any length of time. It is entirely possible, and quite probable, for a player to be a member of two or more squads.

Dual Match Clarification

A high school dual varsity match (only one match played between two teams) shall be the best three-out-of-five set match. The first team to win three sets shall be the winner of the match. The 4th and 5th sets shall not be played unless necessary to determine the winner of the match. All sets shall be 25 points (no cap). The 5th and deciding set shall be 15 points (no cap), and the team must win by two points.

Leagues/schools are not permitted to change or alter this NFHS playing rule.

Match, Set (Varsity Requirements)

All high school varsity matches in Kansas will play a best two-out-of-three set match in which a team is considered the winner of the match when it wins two sets. All sets shall be **25 points** (no cap). The third set shall not be played unless it is necessary to determine the winner of the match.

Exception: A high school dual varsity match (only one match played) shall be the best three-out-of-five set match. The first team to win three sets shall be the winner of the match. The 4th and 5th sets shall not be played unless necessary to determine the winner of the match. All sets shall be 25 points (no cap). The 5th and deciding set shall be 15 points (no cap), and a team must win by two points.

Teams receiving a bye during the regular season MAY NOT count the bye as a win on their season win/loss form.

Forfeiture Policy

If a regular season game (including invitational tournaments) is not played due to a team/school not having enough players to field a legal team, and both schools agree that a make-up date cannot be determined, the game will count as a forfeit and a win in postseason seeding for the team who was willing and able to play. The game would count as a loss for postseason seeding for the team lacking players. The forfeiting team will be responsible for paying any official fees if the officials cannot be reassigned/ cannot makeup the game. After a school starts the season with a team but is unable to finish the season due to lack of players, all games scheduled will count as a forfeit win unless the school losing a contest can find another opponent. The school with a discontinued team must notify the KSHSAA that they are no longer participating and the KSHSAA will make updates to the win/loss record form. If a team forfeits and marginal points are used as seeding criteria, the maximum marginal points allowed will be awarded (+/-15).

Games Not Played

Games not played because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances do not count as a win or a loss for either team when seeding postseason tournaments. Reasonable efforts should be made between school administrators to reschedule all contests, but if schools are unable to reschedule the game it does not count as a forfeit win or loss and will be recorded as "no game played". When determining seeding for postseason tournaments the number of wins is divided by the number of games played to determine the winning percentage. This policy applies to both regular season and invitational tournament games. If a tournament is played and a team does not participate due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the tournament manager will advance a team in the bracket but neither the team advanced nor the team going to the back side of the bracket will count the game as a win or loss. It simply counts as no game played. Only when the originally scheduled opponent agrees that no reschedule is possible, a school may seek a different opponent to complete the schedule.

Players - Permission for Special Equipment, Attire

The *NFHS Rules Book*, **Rule 4-1 NOTE** allows each state association to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs as well as to individuals with extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, heighten risk to others, or place the opponent at a disadvantage.

Artificial Limb, Cochlear Implants, Helmet, or Other Special Device: Players wearing an artificial limb, cochlear implants, helmet, or other special device must have a letter of permission from the KSHSAA. When seeking permission, please submit a picture and description of the device so a determination as to the safety and/or adequate padding of the device can be made.

Insulin Pumps and Hearing Aids: Individual athletes with insulin pumps or GMS and hearing aids are allowed to participate in competition without a specific letter of approval. Each piece of equipment should be securely attached to the person. If there are loose wires, the wires should be taped down to help eliminate any possibility of getting tangled with another player or caught up on volleyball equipment (net, standard, or padding).

Attire: Players' uniforms that vary from the traditional attire worn by teammates must have a letter from the KSHSAA. Head coverings worn for religious reasons do not need a letter from the KSHSAA. Head coverings worn for medical reasons will need a letter from the KSHSAA.

Schools seeking special permission from the KSHSAA are asked to do so in a timely manner. The coach should present the letter to the officials at the pre-match conference.

Player Bench Occupants

During a contest, the player bench may be occupied by the eligible substitutes, coach, assistant coach, faculty representative, bona fide team managers, bona fide team statisticians and scorekeeper, bona fide team trainer or physician, and any disqualified players. Disqualified players may not leave the team bench unless properly supervised.

Rules Meetings/Test Requirements for Coaches and Officials

Only those officials registered with the KSHSAA may be used by member schools in varsity volleyball competition. It is recommended registered officials be used for all non-varsity competition.

Registration includes taking an open book rules test and attending a KSHSAA volleyball rules meeting (7 face-to-face meetings and 1 live webinar in 2025 or the online meeting). It is mandatory that all volleyball officials wishing to be considered for a postseason tournament assignment attend one area supervisor meetings.

All varsity middle and senior high coaches must successfully complete the Volleyball Exam. Coaches and officials will take their test online. You will have TWO attempts to pass the open book, online rules exam (score 90% or above). There is a \$100 penalty fee if a head coach does not take the online exam.

Head and assistant volleyball coaches must attend a KSHSAA online rules meeting, available July 29 - August 28. Failure to view the meeting will result in a penalty fee of \$100. See information in the summer mailing.

Scorekeeper, Timer and Libero Tracker

The volleyball match is administered by the first referee and the second referee. Assistant officials include scorer, libero tracker, timer, and line judges (2). All authorized officials shall be secured by the host school. It is recommended schools provide competent adult scorers and timers along with a PA person if a public address system is available. The official scorer and timer, in addition to the libero tracker, shall be seated at the officials' table, which shall be placed at least 6 feet outside the court sideline opposite the referee. Seating arrangement shall be such that the official scorer and timer are seated side-by-side with the libero tracker on the outside next to the official scorer. Scorers and timers should review their responsibilities as listed in the *NFHS Volleyball Rules Book (Rule 5)*.

An individual other than the scorekeeper must be provided to track the entries of the libero player. If properly trained, the libero tracker can be charged with keeping the visible score, tracking the libero and assisting the scorekeeper with substitutions. Preferably, a separate individual should keep the visible score. The libero tracker will record all substitutions and libero replacements on the libero tracking sheet, notify official if libero is replaced by incorrect player, or if undesigned libero enters the game, notify official if libero does not remain out of game one rally.

Efficiency will be expected at the officials' table, and ideal conditions must prevail in order to live up to such expectations. As tournament manager, careful surveillance will assure those officials at the table have desirable, adequate and pleasant working conditions. Nothing, such as a radio, headphones, cell phones, should be at the officials' table which might distract the scorer and timer.

Scrimmages (Alumni, Interschool, Intrasquad)

Schools may not conduct interschool scrimmages (practices) in volleyball. Interschool is defined as middle/junior high school with another middle/junior high school and senior high school with another senior high school. This does not eliminate scrimmages between alumni and the school. During a scrimmage, there can be no score kept and no clock. Use of officials is permitted. Should one or more game element (score or time) be involved, it would no longer be a scrimmage, but must count toward the number of competition points allowed during the season. Intrasquad scrimmages (games among teammates), even with score, time, and/or officials used would not be considered a game.

The Executive Board voted unanimously to prohibit member schools from scrimmages with or against junior college or college teams. School administrators and coaches must not allow scrimmages with collegiate teams.

KSHSAA Volleyball Jamboree

A jamboree is an opportunity for member high schools to participate in a controlled playing environment providing a meaningful learning and training experience for players, coaches, officials, and spectators per the following conditions:

- Only KSHSAA member high schools may participate in a jamboree.
- Participation in a jamboree is optional for member school teams (not required).
- Each member school is limited to one jamboree date; it does not constitute a regular season contest.
- The jamboree must be conducted prior to the first regular season competition.
- It is recommended member schools develop contracts between participating schools to confirm details of location, date, time, format, etc.
- Supervision of the jamboree event is the responsibility of participating school administration.
- Participating schools determine admission policies and procedures.
- NFHS playing rules apply, with the following exceptions:
 - Time may be modified within constraints detailed below.
 - Time-outs may be modified/extended in order to provide additional coaching/learning for participants.
 - Coaches may enter the competition area for teaching/learning opportunities.
- Teams may wear school uniforms.
- The jamboree must be officiated by KSHSAA registered officials.
- It is strongly encouraged to use jamborees as training opportunities for officials.
- It is strongly encouraged to have officials review rule changes, points of emphasis, and sportsmanship expectations with players and coaches.

Additional details

- The jamboree shall consist of play between three (3) or four (4) member schools (no duals).
- Additional NFHS Rule modification: automatic side out following five consecutive serves by one player.
- The jamboree can be a three or four team format only. When there are three schools participating, a maximum of six sets (three against each team to 21 points) shall be allowed. When there are four schools participating, a maximum of nine sets (three against each team to 15 points) shall be allowed. Point caps are at the host's discretion.
- Teams are encouraged to incorporate game situations for learning opportunities. Teams may elect to play to less point totals to complete jamboree in a reasonable amount of time. This should be communicated between host schools and visiting as well as officials.

3-Team Format

- A vs. B
- B vs. C
- A vs. C

4-Team Format

- A vs. B
- C vs. D
- A vs. C
- B vs. D
- A vs. D
- B vs. C

Warm-Up Procedure (Regular Season)

Warm-up length and content for regular season matches is at the direction of the host school and/or league policy. This is not the official's decision to make. Based on the safety components for players, in the absence of a defined warm-up procedure for the regular season, it is strongly recommended that schools use the KSHSAA postseason warm-up procedure. Teams should not be actively warming up on the sidelines while the other team has exclusive use of the playing area.

Volleyball Uniform Requirements-Per NFHS Rule 4, Section 2

Section 2 Legal Uniform

ART. 1 ... All uniforms shall adhere to the following.

- Uniform tops [with the exception of the libero **(4-2-2)**] shall be like-colored and uniform bottoms shall be like-colored;
- Uniforms shall be worn as the manufacturer intended;
- Uniforms shall be free of hard and unyielding items (buttons, zippers, snaps, fasteners, etc.);
- A single, visible manufacturer's logo and/or single school name or insignia no more than 2¼ inches are permitted on each visible undergarment;
- The school's name, nickname, logo, mascot and/or team member's name are permitted on the uniform top and/or bottom;
- A single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2¼ inches, is permitted on each piece of the uniform provided placement does not interfere with the visibility of the player's number. Manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference restrictions do not apply to waistbands on uniform bottoms;
- One American flag, not to exceed 2 inches by 3 inches, may be worn or occupy space on each item of uniform apparel. By state association adoption, to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on the uniform without compromising its integrity.
- Uniform top:
 - Bare-midriff tops are not allowed.
 - The uniform top shall hang below or be tucked into the waistband of the uniform bottom when the player is standing upright.
 - Any visible garment (t-shirt, body suits and other similar garments) worn underneath the uniform top shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color that is similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top **or be solid black, white or gray. All team members, other than the libero, must wear the same color undershirt.**

i. Like-colored uniform bottom:

1. Multiple styles of uniform bottoms may be worn by teammates and may include: shorts, spandex, pants or skirts.
2. A visible undergarment may be worn under the uniform bottom. It shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar to the predominant color of the uniform bottom **or be solid black, white or gray** and may extend below the uniform bottom. **All team members must wear the same color undergarment.**

ART. 2 ... The libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim. The libero's uniform top cannot be made solely of the same predominant color(s) of the team's uniform top, even if the like color(s) are placed differently on the uniform top. Numbers shall meet all specifications in **Rule 4-2-4**.

ART. 3 ... Each player, including the libero, shall be identified by a number on the uniform top which is not a duplicate of a teammate's number.

NOTE: When a player's number changes due to blood on or damage to the uniform, the roster is corrected, and no penalty is assessed.

ART. 4 ... The number shall be:

- a. Permanent and clearly visible;
- b. Not more than two digits (0-99). **Beginning July 1, 2028, numbers with a leading zero are not legal (01, 02, etc.);**
- c. A plain, Arabic numeral of a solid color, where the body of the number (measuring not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in width at its narrowest point) is a color that clearly contrasts to the color of the uniform top. A trim (contrasting border not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width at its widest point) or a shadow on part of the number not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at its widest point is permitted but shall not be used to make the number clearly visible;
- d. Located on the upper front and back of the uniform top. **Beginning July 1, 2029, the number on the front of the uniform must be centered on the upper half of the uniform top and the requirements in item f. will be eliminated;**
- e. At least 4 inches tall on the front of the top and at least 6 inches tall on the back of the top;
- f. Placed so the top of the number on the front of the uniform is no more than 5 inches down from the shoulder seam; or placed so the number is centered no more than 5 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline ribbing, placket or seams on the uniform top.

ART. 5 ... If a visible number is worn on the uniform bottom, it shall be the same number as on the uniform top.

ART. 6 ... Appropriate playing shoes shall be worn.

ART. 7 ... Removal of any part of the uniform, top or bottom, while in the playing area is unsporting conduct (yellow card for first offense or red card for subsequent offense) and shall be assessed to the coach.

Hosting Volleyball Events

Secure All Contest Officials

Each volleyball match is administered by seven officials

Primary Officials

- ☐ First Referee (R1)
- ☐ Second Referee (R2)

Assistant Officials

- ☐ Score Keeper
- ☐ Timer/Clock Operator
- ☐ Libero Tracker
- ☐ Line Judges (2 - preferably adults)

Preseason: Train All Assistant Officials

(NOTE: Job Descriptions online)

- ☐ Score Keepers
- ☐ Timers/Clock Operators
- ☐ Libero Tracker
- ☐ Line Judges (preferably adults)

Communication With Primary Officials

Prior to the Event

- ☐ Email/call officials 1 week prior to event
- ☐ Confirm event location, where to park, entrance to use
- ☐ Confirm number of matches to work
- ☐ Explain match fees and method of payment
- ☐ Give officials a phone number they can call in case of an emergency
- ☐ If possible, let officials know who they will be working with

Upon Arrival

- ☐ Greet officials
- ☐ Identify the person(s) who will assist with sportsmanship issues during the event
- ☐ Inform officials of any special activities during event
- ☐ Introduce officials to pertinent workers
- ☐ Ask about any additional needs
- ☐ Provide bottle of water
- ☐ Inform officials of blood clean-up kit

After Event

- ☐ Check with officials about any unusual situations you need to be aware of
- ☐ Clarify questions about match fee
- ☐ Thank officials for their time and efforts on behalf of all schools

Match Set-Up and Equipment

(NOTE: Court Diagram, Rules 2 & 3 located online)

- ☐ Check all court lines (2"–Court Diagram)
- ☐ Standards & Nets (Rule 2)
- ☐ Antennas
- ☐ Officials Stand
- ☐ Padding (Net Poles and Officials Stand)
- ☐ Team Chairs/Bench (Rule 3)
- ☐ Score Table, 3 Chairs
- ☐ Score Board Controls (Extension Cord?)
- ☐ Score Sheets, Pencils
- ☐ Libero Tracking Sheets, Pencils
- ☐ Practice Balls

- ☐ Game Ball(s)
- ☐ 2 Red Flags for line judges (per court)

Important Online Information at www.kshsaa.org

(Athletic>Volleyball>Announcements)

Special Pre- and Post-Match Details

- ☐ Secure visiting and home team rosters
- ☐ Prepare printed programs
- ☐ Arrange for playing of National Anthem
- ☐ Organize for player introductions
- ☐ Secure PA system and announcer
- ☐ If tournament, obtain trophies, medals and arrange for presentation
- ☐ Contact school newspaper and local media to cover event
- ☐ In absence of media coverage, prepare and provide event statistics for post-event newspaper article

Preparations for Guest Teams

- ☐ Confirm schedule with visiting schools in advance of arrival (i.e., order of play)
- ☐ Request form TRA from visitor teams
- ☐ Provide locker room for visitors
- ☐ Provide visitors with info regarding any special activities at event (i.e., senior night)

Additional Event Details, Workers

- ☐ Secure ticket takers (provide start up money)
- ☐ Arrange for concessions
- ☐ Consider additional event supervision
- ☐ Visit with custodian – post-event cleanup, unexpected challenges during event

KSHSAA Guidelines for a Volleyball *Pink Event*

The KSHSAA is aware of numerous sporting events across the country that are focused on Breast Cancer Awareness. At this time, for KSHSAA volleyball events:

1. The KSHSAA will allow a member school to wear uniforms during October to honor Breast Cancer Awareness during the regular season schedule.
2. Participating teams may wear a pink top/uniform as long as **NFHS Rule 4-2-4** (number placement, size, color) is followed. The number must be clearly visible.
3. All NFHS playing rules must be followed.
4. The competition volleyball may be all-white or with color-panels (1/3 of panels must be white).
5. Officials may use pink whistles and/or lanyards.

Please contact the KSHSAA if you have any questions about conducting a Volleyball *Pink Event*. Direct questions to Sarah Smith, ssmith@kshsaa.org. Schools are not required to get these events pre-approved for volleyball.

Your efforts and support of Breast Cancer Awareness by sponsoring this event are appreciated.

Volleyball Is Impacting Lives

The Side-Out Foundation and the AVCA are working together to provide student-athletes meaningful experiences while using our amazing sport of volleyball to bring people together to accomplish a common goal.

Through Dig Pink® initiatives, volleyball teams are collectively accomplishing the goal of recognizing and serving the stage IV breast cancer community through the funding of game-changing clinical research and patient services.

Your team's support is needed this season to help unite all volleyball programs across the nation behind this great cause. Become a part of the Dig Pink® Rally with us by hosting a Dig Pink initiative at your school in support of The Side-Out Foundation. All proceeds benefit Side-Out's cutting-edge clinical trials at renowned medical institutions as well as high-quality support services for cancer patients and their families.

Information from <https://www.avca.org/groups/high-school/dig-pink-with-the-side-out-foundation.html>

DIG PINK® WITH THE SIDE-OUT FOUNDATION



ADMINISTRATION OF POSTSEASON

The National Federation of State High School Associations *Volleyball Rules Book* and the Kansas State High School Activities Association *"Handbook"* shall be the rules that govern the Kansas interscholastic girls volleyball program.

Bands and Noisemakers

Pep Bands will not be allowed to participate in postseason volleyball tournaments (sub-state and state). Rationale: The nature of volleyball differs from many other school athletic activities.

- **Multiple matches played at one site:** *NFHS Volleyball Rule 1-8* does not allow for the playing of music while a match is in progress, and the use of artificial noisemakers is always prohibited. Because multiple matches are played at one time and will vary in length, the opportunity for a pep band to play is extremely minimal.
- **Playable/non-playable areas:** *NFHS Volleyball Rule 2-1-9* defines playable area as the court and the unobstructed space outside the court boundary lines. Because volleyball facilities differ in size/layout, so do the defined playable areas.
- **Space to set up:** Due to limited non-playable area on the main competition floor, bands would need to be located in the spectator seating area. Generally, the area provided in bleachers is not conducive for drums and other large instruments.

Music/Sound Effects/Artificial Noisemakers: The playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted prior to the start of the set and following competition. **Artificial noisemakers are not allowed at any time.** This includes, but is not limited to, megaphones, cowbells, whistles, air horns or any device used to make noise.

Banners and Signs

Banners and signs will be permitted at Association-sponsored tournaments, provided they are not, negative unsportsmanlike or vulgar. Signs must be attached or fastened to the facility only with the approval of the tournament manager or if held by one person, they will be permitted in the stands as long as they meet the above criteria. Signs may not exceed 4 ft. x 12 ft. Parades with signs or banners will not be permitted. Helium filled balloons, confetti or glitter will not be allowed at any site.

Fireworks, Cannons, and Other Explosive Devices

By policy of the KSHSAA Executive Board, use of fireworks, cannons, air concussion cannons, hand-held explosives and other devices are not permitted at all KSHSAA postseason athletic events. Member schools have authority to determine if they permit such devices at their regular season events.

Cheerleaders

School cheerleaders are welcome at all volleyball events but must be reminded that they are to be located in a non-playable area. Prior to the start of competition, the event manager/athletic director and cheer sponsor are to confer with the match officials (R1, R2) regarding a safe non-playable area for them to locate. Oftentimes, this may be in the stands. At no time will they be permitted to cheer/stunt on the volleyball playing surface.

School cheerleaders (no more than 10) in school uniform and their sponsor will be admitted free to postseason tournaments.

Dressing Rooms

Teams will be assigned dressing rooms by the tournament manager. It may be necessary for managers to assign teams to dress in classrooms or other areas of a building and to work out a time schedule for use of showers. Teams should understand that ideal conditions may not be available, but through cooperative efforts and careful scheduling, any problems can be resolved.

Participation Fee, School Checklist, and Due Dates

Schools participating in postseason tournament competition must submit **the Fall Activity Participation Form** to the KSHSAA on or before August 21. Invoices will be emailed to athletic directors once the season starts. This participation fee (\$80) includes an assignment for sub-state.

Schools are reminded to check the inside front cover of this manual for KSHSAA forms needed and their due dates. Please note the recipient for forms and other needed items. Timeliness is appreciated!

Late Arrival Policy

When a team arrives late for a postseason contest for reasons other than weather, mechanical, or any other situation beyond the school's control, the following procedure will be used:

1. All teams are required to warm-up 20 minutes before the match. After warm-up, if 15 or more minutes have passed since the designated starting time, the team will forfeit the first game/set.
2. If 30 minutes or more have passed since the designated starting time, the team will forfeit the second game/set (and match).

Line Judges

Line judges are required to switch ends after each game/set during a match if teams are not switching benches.

Line judges at all KSHSAA high school regular season and postseason varsity volleyball contests will use red flags as they fulfill their duties. The red flags are being used by high school line judges across the country as a means to better communicate with the primary officials during play. The flags will help encourage the line judges to work hard and stay attentive to provide the needed communication for a match. Go to www.kshsaa.org>volleyball for Q & A on flags.

The KSHSAA Executive Board strongly recommends adults serve as line judges for all high school varsity volleyball matches. Additionally, the Board strongly recommends schools provide line judges for all matches at all levels of play. It is the host school's responsibility to select, instruct, and train line judges.

Rationale: Good line judges are essential for a volleyball match. They are assistant officials and assist the referee but do not make decisions. The line judge must be able to ignore spectator criticism and maintain complete concentration on the game.

The Executive Board requires the use of adults to serve as line judges for all KSHSAA postseason tournaments (regionals, sub-state, state). State line judges will be KSHSAA registered volleyball officials.

The KSHSAA will pay line judges in all sub-state and state tournaments. Interested registered officials not assigned to officiate postseason tournaments are asked to contact postseason managers if desiring to serve as a line judge. The rate of pay and information regarding manager financial reports can be found on page 47. All line judges will wear the KSHSAA approved blue cyan officiating shirts during state matches. Line judges are asked to assist in picking up balls when warm-up is concluded.

Media Passes

ONLY KSHSAA REGISTERED MEDIA OUTLETS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST CREDENTIALS

To check if you are a KSHSAA registered media outlet, go to www.kshsaa.org>Media>Media Listing. If you are listed, follow the procedures to request credentials.

If your organization is not listed and would like to become a KSHSAA registered media outlet go to www.kshsaa.org>Media>Media Listing, click on *Media Request Listings*, and fill out the form. You will be notified by the KSHSAA via email when your request has been approved. Once approved, follow the procedures to request credentials.

Officials

The KSHSAA approved, blue cyan shirts (no black piping) are required for Varsity and postseason contests. Officials may wear blue or white for sub-varsity contests, but the officials must match on each court.

Neither a member school nor an approved school shall take any action to prevent an athletic official from officiating a contest because of the official's race, sex, religion or national origin. Neither shall a member school or an approved school participate in a contest for which an athletic official has been excluded from officiating because of the official's race, sex, religion, or national origin.

Managers should provide a private room which the officials may occupy during the course of the tournament. This room should be available to them as a dressing room and lounge between matches. Officials should be informed where they are to enter the building and the location of this room(s). Arrangements should be made for someone to meet them when they arrive.

Post the NO ADMITTANCE signs (Form O found at www.kshsaa.org>Schools>Login>EntryForms>Yearly-Letter Forms) on the dressing room door. Do not allow anyone else to enter this room other than the manager or an official KSHSAA representative. Assign security personnel to see this is done. The host school's cooperation will be appreciated by the officials and will assure a better officiated tournament.

Practice Balls and Practice Sessions

All teams participating at the state tournament will be required to provide their own practice balls. At other tournaments during the season, teams will provide their own practice balls unless notified otherwise. Visiting teams will not be permitted to practice on tournament courts prior to the start of the tournament. If facilities can accommodate, tournament directors may designate a warm-up area outside of the playing arena.

Radio Broadcasting

Radio broadcasting shall be permitted at no charge for space or the right to broadcast, if space is available. If space is limited, stations from towns with participating teams should receive first choice.

Radio stations desiring to broadcast any match shall contact the tournament manager at least 48 hours prior to the contest. Contracts, provided by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, have been sent to each radio station. The broadcasting station shall complete the contract in triplicate, furnishing one copy to the tournament manager and one to the KSHSAA, retaining one for the station records.

Team Photos

All schools participating in interscholastic volleyball should arrange to have a team picture taken during the season. Should your team qualify for state action, the KSHSAA will need your picture uploaded to the KSHSAA State Volleyball Squad List and Pass Gate **by noon the day after sub-state**.

Please consider the following:

- A team picture should be taken in team uniforms and arranged so that player numbers are visible.
- Think horizontal and vertical. Long rows and tall thin group shots aren't ideal. Use of props (other than a volleyball) is discouraged and will not be printed in the program.

Telecasting/Broadcasting of Matches

The KSHSAA owns the broadcast rights to all postseason contests beginning with the first round of regional or sub-state play. Match starting times will not be adjusted in the event of any live telecast of the match. Member schools and all media outlets must obtain permission through the KSHSAA to broadcast a selected postseason contest. There are three agreement forms available at www.kshsaa.org that must be filled out for your respective medium to obtain permission. The KSHSAA has the right to deny permission to broadcast. It is recommended that the media outlet or member school visiting the host site contact the host site manager about broadcasting the contest before submitting an agreement form to the KSHSAA.

Forms can be found by going to www.kshsaa.org>Media>General Information

Broadcast Fees

Television Broadcast:

\$75/contest—72-hour delay

\$100/contest—48-hour delay

\$200/contest—24-hour delay

\$500/contest—For a same-day playback following the last contest of the day/evening

\$2,000/contest—Live telecast (daily fee for multi-day events)

Internet-Video Broadcast:

No Charge—Member schools (sub-state only - state tournament and championship matches are not permitted)

\$100/contest—Primary partner

\$200/contest—Non-primary partner

Tournament Bracket and Team Benches

The team on the top of each bracket will be the home team and designated as such on the scorebook and scoreboard. The home team shall select its team bench for the first set of the match in sub-state, for the match in state. The choice of serving or receiving shall be decided by a coin toss between the designated player of each team. This procedure will be conducted by the referee at least 15 minutes prior to the first set of the match. The visiting team (bottom team in each bracket) shall call the toss.

Tournament Volleyball

The Baden Perfection VX5EC-220 top grade leather volleyball (blue, gray, white) is the “Official Championship Volleyball” for KSHSAA postseason tournaments (regional, sub-state and state).

Baden will ship each sub-state tournament site two volleyballs and 1-2 balls to regional sites for tournament use. Four volleyballs per classification will be shipped to each state tournament site.

Volleyballs used for regular season competition are at the discretion of the host school. They must have the NFHS authenticating mark and may be all white or have color panels (1/3 must be white).

Trophies/Plaques and Presentations

Trophies or plaques will be mailed to postseason tournament managers directly from the manufacturer. They should be received at least one week prior to the tournament. Check them immediately and notify the KSHSAA of any breakage, defects, or errors in engraving.

Regionals: Class 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII – Top team from regional quad/triangular receives a plaque

Sub-State: Class 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII – Top team from sub-state receives a plaque

Class 6A, 5A, 4A – Top team from each sub-state receives a plaque

At the state tournaments, the first, second, and third place teams will receive trophies and individual medals. The fourth place team will receive individual medals only. At the conclusion of both the consolation and championship matches, the third and fourth place teams will receive their awards followed by the runner-up and championship teams. Coaches and squad members of all teams winning awards shall remain for the entire awards presentation.

Additional team medals (as awarded) may be requested by the school administrator by emailing kshsaa@kshsaa.org.

The trophy presentation should be made by a person from the host town. The public address announcer should read the details and have someone else make the actual presentation. (*see page 48 for presentation details*)

TRA: Traveling School Information

Please complete and scan/email **Form TRA** to your postseason event manager two days prior to the event. In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by the KSHSAA and the tournament site manager as soon as possible regarding an altered schedule or postponement. Form TRA can be found on the KSHSAA website.

Warm-Up Procedure (Postseason)

Regional warm up: Teams will have a full 20 minute warm up prior to their first match of the day. Subsequent warmups will be 10 minutes (or less by mutual agreement of both coaches).

In sub-state and state tournaments, all matches will start no sooner than the time listed on the printed schedule with at least 20 minutes between matches.

EXCEPTION: FRIDAY, STATE TOURNAMENT: All teams will receive a 20-minute warm-up prior to their first match of the day, followed by a 10-minute warm-up in subsequent matches. If more than 10 minutes exists before the next scheduled match, teams may use up to 20 minutes for warm-up.

EXCEPTION: SATURDAY, STATE TOURNAMENT: Warm-up prior to semifinal matches will be 20 minutes; warm-up prior to third place and championship matches will be 10 minutes.

By agreement of both coaches, the warm-up for second, third and fourth round matches at sub-state tournaments may be 10 minutes.

- In postseason warm-up, if a team declines use of the court for its prescribed warm-up phase, the other team may use the court in their absence (*in addition to their own prescribed time*).
- In postseason tournaments, teams playing the first match of the day/tournament may be on the court 40 minutes prior to the end of timed warm-up for stretching and agility work only. Teams may not have balls on the court until 20 minutes before the end of timed warm-ups.

Required Postseason Warm-Up

The required warm-up for all KSHSAA postseason tournaments will be:

20 Minutes

- 4 minutes shared court time for ball handling (for teams that have NOT played)
- 4 minutes for visiting team to use the court (no home team skill work)
- 4 minutes for home team to use the court (no visiting team skill work)
- 4 minutes for visiting team to use the court (no home team skill work)
- 4 minutes for home team to use the court (no visiting team skill work)

10 Minutes

- 2 minutes for shared ball handling (for teams that have NOT played)
- 4 minutes for visiting team use of court (no home team skill work)
- 4 minutes for home team use of court (no visiting team skill work)

The official scorer will be given the responsibility to notify each team when it is time to change drills. The home team in tournament play is listed on the top line of any bracket.

If an adjacent court is not scheduled for tournament play, it may also be used for warm-up by the two teams slated to play. Officials will give coaches the option of warming up on the same court or on separate courts.

An adjacent court may not be used for warm-up or stretching by anyone during tournament competition.

Regional, Sub-State, and State Receipts

After taxes, sub-state and state gate receipts will be distributed as follows:

1. Host will retain percentage of gate receipts determined by the Executive Board.
2. Officials' expenses for all postseason will be paid by the KSHSAA. Hosts will be responsible to submit ticket report information.
3. Balance shall be sent to the KSHSAA and will be used as follows:
 - a. Plaques, trophies and medals
 - b. To underwrite losses at other tournament sites
 - c. To operate non self-supporting activities
 - d. To contribute to the overall operating costs of the Association

Checklist for Regional, Sub-State, and State Tournament Managers

- ☐ Check arrival of and inspect plaques/trophies and medals. Assemble trophies (state).
- ☐ Check arrival of and inspect tournament volleyballs (sub-state and state hosts).
- ☐ Tournament pairings and manager responsibilities:
 - Make sub-state pairings
 - Send a copy of the bracket to all participating schools (*include matches times*)
 - **Send online copy of bracket to KSHSAA**
 - **Send KSHSAA a copy of sub-state programs**
- ☐ Assign personnel to assist in tournament administration
 - Scorekeeper and Libero Tracker (LT) (*provide instructions/train: see www.kshsaa.org>volleyball*)
 - Timekeepers (*provide instructions/train: see www.kshsaa.org>volleyball*)
 - Public address announcer
 - Line judges (*adult line judges required for postseason*)
 - Assign a host or hostess for each team
 - Secure security personnel
 - Secure ticket sellers, ticket takers, crowd supervisors
 - Assign pass gate personnel
 - Arrange for T-shirt sales (state) - information and shirts from Western Associates
- ☐ Arrange/provide for:
 - Playing of the national anthem (*all tournaments*)
 - Provide tournament scorebook (regionals and sub-state only)
 - Arrange for plaque/trophy/medal presentation at conclusion of the tournament
 - Team introductions; be sure PA announcer has a copy of this *Volleyball Manual*
 - Assign school locations; criss-cross or assign to opposite sides of the court. Try not to locate pep squads behind an opponent's bench. Erect signs to reserve areas for participating schools' followers if necessary

- ☐ Officials—assigned by the KSHSAA
 - Notify officials in regionals and sub-state tournaments at least four days in advance of the starting times, directions to tournament site, court distinct disadvantages, and any other information deemed important.
 - Advise where their parking will be, pass gate location
 - Provide private dressing rooms
 - Provide adult security personnel to meet and accompany officials
- ☐ Information to participating schools
 - Seed tournament, email bracket to participating schools, KSHSAA and tournament officials
 - Location of tournament site and bus/van parking
 - Pass gate location/procedure
 - Provide information regarding team warm-up procedure, towels, practice balls, care of valuables, cheerleader location during match, school area
 - Procedure for team introductions
- ☐ Reporting tournament results
 - **Transmit regional results to the KSHSAA office immediately following regional and sub-state results to KSHSAA office Saturday, October 25, 2025, as soon as your tournament is concluded.**
- ☐ Accounting and tournament records - submit to KSHSAA the following:
 - Financial report
 - State tournament scorebooks
 - Completed brackets/result forms



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TICKETS & ADMISSIONS

Postseason Ticket Protocol

When hosting a KSHSAA postseason event, there are three options for ticketing:

OPTION #1 (PREFERRED): Use the GoFan digital ticketing system. If you already use GoFan, use your own account to create the event and ticket options. If you are new to GoFan, set up an account at <https://hq.gofan.co/login>.

- When creating the event, be sure to use the correct ticket prices provided by the KSHSAA.
- Setup the event as event-based payment (not calendar-based).
- DO NOT include the service fee as part of the ticket price.
- Fans will show their tickets at the gate on their personal mobile device.
- A walk-up credit card purchase option (Box Office option) is available for GoFan schools. Contact GoFan for more details.
- Details on how to use the GoFan platform can be found at <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>.

OPTION #2 (PREFERRED): Use the GoFan digital ticketing system as described above **and** provide a cash purchase option. Cash purchases should be handled in the same manner as your regular season events. You will need to keep an exact count of all adult tickets and student tickets sold (keep separate counts) to report to the KSHSAA. If you choose to use paper tickets, plan to use your own. ***The KSHSAA no longer supplies paper tickets to hosts.**

OPTION #3: Sell paper tickets in the same manner as your regular season events. You will need to keep an exact count of all adult tickets and student tickets sold (keep separate counts) to report to the KSHSAA. If you choose to use paper tickets, plan to use your own. ***The KSHSAA no longer supplies paper tickets to hosts.**

GoFan is the only digital ticket system that may be used for KSHSAA postseason events.

After the event, complete your post-event ticket and financial reports within 10 days.

- Login at www.kshsaa.org > Schools > Postseason Host
- Be prepared with the number of adult and student tickets sold (use GoFan reports and gate counts), the officials' information including round-trip mileage, and your local tax rate.

Admission Prices

Managers should display at each ticket window a conspicuous sign showing the prices of admission as follows:

Regional and Sub-State Tournaments (All Classes)

- Grades K-12 - \$6
- Adults - \$8
- All ticket holders must be stamped. One admission price will be good for the day of the tournament.

State Tournaments (All Classes) - Two Sessions

- Grades K-12 - \$10
- Adults - \$10
- Session #1 - Thursday or Friday morning (pool play)
- Session #2 - Saturday morning and afternoon (semifinals and finals)
- All ticket holders must be stamped for Session #1 and Session #2. A different stamp will be used each day.

**PreK and under are free admission at all postseason events.*

Complimentary Tickets

1. News Media
2. Host High School Board of Education Members and Spouses (*Regional and Sub-State Tournaments Only*)
3. KSHSAA Complimentary Lifetime Passes
4. KSHSAA Annual Complimentary Passes
(*issued to KSHSAA Board of Directors and Appeal Board members on an annual basis*)
5. KSHSAA Area Supervisors of Officials Passes
6. Certified Athletic Trainer

Tournament managers should adhere to all regulations pertaining to complimentary admissions. It would be unfair and defeat the purpose of the program if at some tournament sites, persons were to be admitted without charge when they do not qualify for such admission.

ADMINISTRATORS: Eliminate the manager's problems by reviewing the following information and discussing it with your coaches, faculty members, drivers, and playing squads. In the past, managers have reported that administrators and coaches have insisted on their spouse being admitted free. This is a violation of regulations. Bus drivers or others transporting team members are also obligated to pay, unless they are listed on the pass gate list. Coaches Association passes are NOT to be honored.

MEDIA: Members of the media with KSHSAA media credentials will be admitted free and given a complimentary program.

When your school is host, the members of your Board of Education and their spouses may be admitted free. Likewise, working crew necessary to sell and collect tickets and supervise and direct tournament activities are to be admitted free.

Lifetime passes have been issued to those who have served on the Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board. Similar passes have been issued to the Governor, members of the State Board of Education and State Commissioner of Education. Please honor such passes presented to your ticket-takers at the KSHSAA-sponsored tournaments. No other passes, including Kansas Coaches Association passes, are permitted.

The KSHSAA feels that every administrator is aware of various problems in sponsoring a tournament and why it is necessary that all managers adhere to specific limitations in honoring requests for complimentary tickets. This phase of the tournament program is very important. Assign a competent adult (not a student) the responsibility of working the pass gate.

Pass Gate

The superintendent, principal, athletic director and any volleyball coach listed in the KSHSAA directory who has met all KSHSAA coaching requirement, two managers, 12 participating contestants, one faculty cheerleader sponsor, a maximum of 10 varsity cheerleaders in uniform, two supervisors and two additional persons, and one school resource officer shall be admitted free. Spouses are not included on the list.

Managers are not to provide tickets for participating schools, but use a checklist and a special entrance for authorized players, managers, coaches and cheerleaders. The following forms should be used as checklists for this purpose:

ONLY THOSE LISTED ON THESE FORMS ARE TO BE ADMITTED FREE

- Regional Squad List and Pass Gate
- Sub-State Squad List and Pass Gate
- State Squad List and Pass Gate

At the state tournament, teams eliminated on Friday may be admitted free at their tournament site on Saturday, if accompanied by their coach.

REGIONAL & SUB-STATE TOURNAMENTS

General Information

Regional quads for 3A, 2A, 1A DI, and 1A DII will be held on October 20 and October 21, 2025. Regional quads for 3A and 2A will be conducted on Monday, October 20 and Regional quads for 1A DI and 1A DII will be conducted on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Sub-state volleyball tournaments for all classes (6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII) will be held on Saturday, October 25. There will be eight sub-state tournaments in all classes/divisions with the tournament champion advancing to the state tournament. There will be no third-place matches. Assignments will be posted on the KSHSAA website (www.kshsaa.org) as soon as the sites are determined.

- Schools are permitted to suit up no more than 12 girls for regionals, sub-state and state tournaments.
- Medal/trophy/plaque information (section 04)
- Official Tournament Ball Information (section 04)
- Required warm-up procedure information (section 04)

Required Court Specifications for Postseason Tournaments

It is extremely important that schools meet the required court specifications, as well as have adequate seating available and adequate parking.

Tournament hosts must meet the following NFHS rule specifications:

2-1-1 - Ceiling clearance (**strongly recommended** 23 ft. above court, clear of any obstructions)

2-1-3 - Out-of-bounds (shall be at least six (6) feet from walls or obstacles and preferably 10 feet of unobstructed space)

2-1-6 - Serving area (serving area shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in depth)

3-4-1 - Officials' table shall be at least six (6) feet (10 feet preferred when space permits) outside the court sideline opposite the referee

Please see the KSHSAA website (Girls Volleyball>Announcements) for information on the court diagram and equipment setup.

When considering the number of seats available, please be aware of safety factors that involve the use of some bleachers if they are not pulled entirely out and locked. Also, please be prepared to limit the spectator traffic along the court end line, especially during the serve.

Tournament Format - One Court vs. Two Courts

Classes 6A, 5A: All sub-states in these classifications will be played on one court and will consist of four schools.

Class 4A: All sub-states in this classifications will be played on one court and will consist of four or five schools.

Classes 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII: Full Regional quads will take place on two courts. The courts must be in the same facility. Regional tris will take place on one court. Sub-states will consist of four teams and will be played on one court.

Time Schedule

Regional quads may start at 4 p.m. or 5 p.m., depending on official availability. Teams will have a full 20 minute warm up prior to their first match of the day. Subsequent warmups will be 10 minutes (or less by mutual agreement of both coaches). There will be a 20-minute break between the second and third round of a full regional quad and may be less by mutual agreement of all coaches.

All sub-state tournaments will be played in the afternoon, starting no earlier than 1 p.m. All matches will start no sooner than the printed time schedule with at least a 20 minute warm-up before a team's first match of the day. In order to keep the tournament moving along, tournament managers are encouraged to identify the start time for the first match of the day only, with the remaining matches following 20/10 minutes later. By agreement of both coaches, the warm-up for second, third, and fourth round matches may be 10 minutes.

Tournament Programs

Host schools are to furnish official programs for their regional and sub-state tournaments. Programs should be sold for a reasonable price. All profit is to be retained by the host school. The contents should include the tournament bracket, complete team rosters and information similar to that found on squad lists. Managers should send a copy of their program to the KSHSAA.

Team Records

When reporting team records to sub-state managers and filling out Win-Loss Record, only full matches (best two sets out of three, or in case of a dual match, three sets out of five) will be considered either a match-win or a loss. The team would have to win or lose both sets to be considered a match in a tournament round robin, for example. A one set win, one set loss match cannot be counted as a match and therefore would not be recorded on your win-loss record form. Only varsity matches against varsity competition may be counted (see Forfeiture Policy and Games Not Played policies in Section 04).

Regional and Sub-State Seeding

Classes 6A, 5A, 4A

Sub-state seeding for these classifications will take place on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 10 a.m. Assigned schools are to contact their seeding manager with their varsity match record on this date by 8 a.m. Sub-state brackets will be released as soon as records have been confirmed and brackets have been created. Matches played after 8 a.m. on October 20 WILL NOT be allowed for sub-state seeding.

Classes 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII

Regional quad seeding for these classifications will take place Sunday, October 12, 2025. RECORDS MUST BE UPDATED ON THE KSHSAA WEBSITE BY 8 a.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Matches played on or after October 12, 2025 will not count for regional or sub-state seeding (those matches will be counted for state seeding). Sub-state seeding will take place the day following regional quads. Regional wins/losses will be counted for sub-state seeding.

Time Schedule

All regional quads will be played in the late afternoon/evening.

All sub-state tournaments will be played in the afternoon, starting no earlier than 1 p.m.

Squad Lists

Schools shall send their regional and sub-state volleyball squad list and pass gate information (found online at www.kshsaa.org), to the host site manager.

Regional squad list and pass gate (3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII): Due to host site manager by October 15, 2025.

Sub-state quad list and pass gate (all classes): Due to host site manager by October 22, 2025.

Classes 6A, 5A, 4A (36 schools per class)

Volleyball schools in classes 6A, 5A, and 4A will be divided into two (2) groups on an east/west geographical basis with 18 schools per group. On seeding day (October 20), the top four (4) seeds in each group will be designated as a sub-state host and each will host a 4-5 team sub-state tournament.

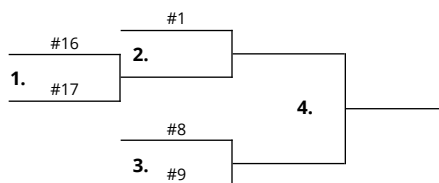
- SS1 = Seeds #1,8,9,16,17;
- SS2 = Seeds #2,7,10,15,18;
- SS3 = Seeds #3,6,11,14;
- SS4 = Seeds #4,5,12,13.

Sub-state tournaments will take place on one court. Play-in matches - SS1 and SS2: Before bracket play begins, seeds #16 & 17 (SS1) and seeds #15 & 18 (SS2) will play a match to advance to the bracket of four. Match play (tournaments of four and five) may start at 1 p.m.

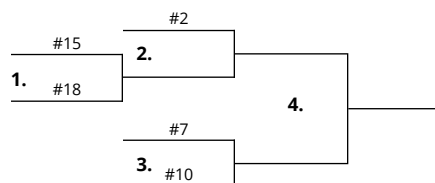
There will be eight (8) sub-state tournaments per classification, with the winner advancing to the state tournament.

Number = sequence of matches

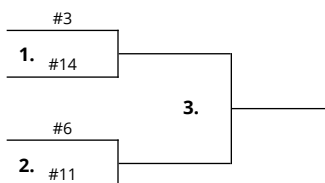
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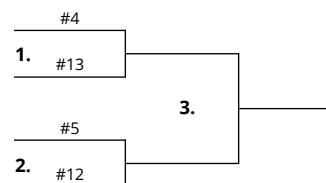
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SS4



***By action of the Executive Board in June 2023, classes 5A and 6A will no longer have a play-in match for seeds #17 and #18. Seeds #17 and #18 will have concluded their season after their last regular season match.**

Classifications 3A, 2A, 1A DI, & 1A DII

After several requests and consideration regarding the sub-state format for classifications 3A, 2A, and 1A, the following changes have been made. This format was discussed at Regional Meetings and the KVA, KIAAA, and KCA. At the November 2023 Executive Board meeting, the following was adopted.

SEEDING DATE (3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII)

- Seeding will take place on Sunday of SCW #15. Each classification will be divided into four regionals (up to 16 teams in each regional).
- Regionals will be divided equally (as much as possible) via geography.
- Two groups in each regional will be created. Teams will be seeded based on their record as of Sunday on SCW #15. Records must be updated on the KSHSAA website by 8:00 a.m. on SCW #15.
 - Group A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16
 - Group B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15

REGIONALS (Quad Format – 1st Round of Postseason)

- On Monday and Tuesday of SCW #16, quads will be played at the highest seed (two courts are required). If the highest seed is not able to host, the next higher seed (with two courts) will host.
 - Group A – Quad One: 1, 8, 9, 16
 - Group A – Quad Two: 4, 5, 12, 13
 - Group B – Quad One: 2, 7, 10, 15
 - Group B – Quad Two: 3, 6, 11, 14
- The top two teams from each quad will advance to sub-state. The top two teams will be determined using the same criteria as state pool play requirements.

Quad Format

- | Group A-Quad One: | Group A-Quad Two: | Group B-Quad One: | Group B-Quad Two: |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| - 1 vs 16; 8 vs 9 | - 4 vs 13; 5 vs 12 | - 2 vs 15; 7 vs 10 | - 3 vs 14; 6 vs 11 |
| - 1 vs 9; 8 vs 16 | - 4 vs 12; 5 vs 13 | - 2 vs 10; 7 vs 15 | - 3 vs 11; 6 vs 14 |
| - 1 vs 8; 9 vs 16 | - 4 vs 5; 12 vs 13 | - 2 vs 7; 10 vs 15 | - 3 vs 6; 11 vs 14 |
- Each team will receive a 20 minute break between the second and third matches in regional play unless a lesser time is mutually agreed upon by coaches.

SUB-STATE (Tournament Format – 2nd Round of Postseason)

- Saturday of SCW #16: Two 4-team brackets in each regional will be played with the winners of each bracket advancing to the State Volleyball Tournament. Matches will be played at the highest seed of each bracket. If the highest seed is not able to host, the next higher seed will host.
 - Seeds 1-4 are the regional quad winners, ranked in order of overall winning record percentage.
 - Regional runners-up will be placed in the opposite bracket as the regional winner from their quad.
- The two regional runners-up will be seeded in their sub-state bracket based on records. In each bracket the higher seeded regional winner will play the lower seeded regional runner-up; the lower seeded regional winner will play the higher seeded regional runner-up.

Sunday of SCW 15: Seeding Date

Monday or Tuesday of SCW 16: Regional Quads take place (all teams will play each other and the top two teams advance)

<p align="center">REGIONAL 4</p> <p>Group A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16 Group B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15</p> <p><u>MONDAY or TUESDAY REG QUADS (SCW 16)</u></p> <p>Group A—Quad One: 1, 8, 9, 16 Group A—Quad Two: 4, 5, 12, 13 Group B—Quad One: 2, 7, 10, 15 Group B—Quad Two: 3, 6, 11, 14</p>	<p align="center">REGIONAL 1</p> <p>Group A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16 Group B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15</p> <p><u>MONDAY or TUESDAY REG QUADS (SCW 16)</u></p> <p>Group A—Quad One: 1, 8, 9, 16 Group A—Quad Two: 4, 5, 12, 13 Group B—Quad One: 2, 7, 10, 15 Group B—Quad Two: 3, 6, 11, 14</p>
<p align="center">REGIONAL 3</p> <p>Group A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16 Group B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15</p> <p><u>MONDAY or TUESDAY REG QUADS (SCW 16)</u></p> <p>Group A—Quad One: 1, 8, 9, 16 Group A—Quad Two: 4, 5, 12, 13 Group B—Quad One: 2, 7, 10, 15 Group B—Quad Two: 3, 6, 11, 14</p>	<p align="center">REGIONAL 2</p> <p>Group A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16 Group B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15</p> <p><u>MONDAY or TUESDAY REG QUADS (SCW 16)</u></p> <p>Group A—Quad One: 1, 8, 9, 16 Group A—Quad Two: 4, 5, 12, 13 Group B—Quad One: 2, 7, 10, 15 Group B—Quad Two: 3, 6, 11, 14</p>

Tuesday or Wednesday of SCW 16: Quad winners and runners-up will be reseeded (Seeds 1-4 are Regional winners; Quad runners-up will be placed in the bracket opposite the winners of their Regional Quad and will be ranked for the remaining two seeds based on record).

<p align="center">REGIONAL 4</p> <p>Sub-State Bracket One: 1, 4, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU) Sub-State Bracket Two: 2, 3, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU)</p>	<p align="center">REGIONAL 1</p> <p>Sub-State Bracket One: 1, 4, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU) Sub-State Bracket Two: 2, 3, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU)</p>
<p align="center">REGIONAL 3</p> <p>Sub-State Bracket One: 1, 4, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU) Sub-State Bracket Two: 2, 3, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU)</p>	<p align="center">REGIONAL 2</p> <p>Sub-State Bracket One: 1, 4, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU) Sub-State Bracket Two: 2, 3, 2 Regional runners-up (RRU)</p>

Introduction of Teams

Prior to the first match a team plays in the sub-state tournament, all starters, nonstarters, and head coaches will be introduced.

1. "Good afternoon! On behalf of the Kansas State High School Activities Association and _____ High School, welcome to the 2025 Class ____A Sub-State Volleyball Tournament. This tournament and championship match is sponsored by the member senior high schools of the KSHSAA. The tournament winner will be honored as the 2024 Class ____A Sub-State Champion. They will advance to the state tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday, October 31 - November 1, 2025 at _____."
2. "We will now introduce six team members of the visiting team." (Players stand at bench area and take a step forward when introduced.)
3. "The six team members for the home team are...." (Players stand at bench area and take step forward when introduced.)
4. "And now the starters, introduced in alternating fashion." (First starter of visiting team introduced, walks to net on their side of the court; first starter of home team introduced, walks to net on their side of the court.)
5. After shaking hands, players go to their attack line and stand.
6. Repeat sequence until all six starters are introduced.
7. "The head coaches for this match are..." (Introduce coaches; both meet at net area to shake hands.)
8. National Anthem (first match only), "Would everyone rise and remove your hat for the playing of our National Anthem."
9. "Congratulations and good luck to both teams!"

Preceding introductions for the championship match for each tournament, the announcer should make the following comments:

"This tournament and championship match is sponsored by member senior high schools in Kansas through the Kansas State High School Activities Association. The tournament winner will be honored as the 2025 Class _____ Sub-State Champion. They will advance to the state tournament to be held on October 31 - November 1, 2025 at _____."

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

Tournament Brackets

- Sub-state tournaments (6A, 5A, 4A) will be seeded at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 20.
- Regional Quads (3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII) will be seeded Sunday, October 12, 2025
- Sub-state tournaments (3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII) will be seeded at 10 a.m. the day following regionals.
- **Managers will seed their regional and sub-state tournament bracket electronically.** The bracket can only be accessed by regional and sub-state tournament managers.
- **When the tournament is completed, please complete the bracket on October 25, immediately after your tournament has concluded**
 - Please provide all match scores and winning teams.
 - Please indicate the **overall record** for the winning team.
 - Regional and Sub-state tournament byes are to be counted as a win. If a team(s) has been assigned to a Regional tri, they will receive a bye win.
 - Be sure to check with the coach about any matches that might have been played after the regional and sub-state bracket was seeded.
 - Include any matches played between 8 a.m., October 12, and sub-state tournament (Classes 3A, 2A and 1A DI, 1A DII) and all matches played between 10 a.m., October 20 and sub-state tournament (Classes 6A, 5A and 4A).
 - If you cannot complete the bracket online. Print a bracket, fill it in with scores and records and scan and email to the KSHSAA.

Information to All Schools Participating in Regional & Sub-State Tournaments

Regional and sub-state managers, please communicate with all assigned schools and share the following information:

- Location of quad/tournament site
- Parking and pass gate locations
- Remind schools that brackets will be posted on the KSHSAA website Monday, October 20 (6A, 5A, 4A) and the day following regionals (3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII).
- Provide information on the following:
 - time schedule and format, warm-up procedure, locker room availability, practice balls, introduction information (first match of the day)

Assignments of Schools to Regional and Sub-State Tournaments

Schools submitting **Volleyball Entry Form ADM-Fall** to the KSHSAA will be assigned to a regional quad and/or sub-state tournament in their class. Assignments to the respective tournaments will be announced at a later date and posted on the KSHSAA website.

Assignment Criteria

The KSHSAA Executive Board has established the following criteria for making assignments:

Classes 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII

1. After determining the number of schools participating, each classification will be divided into four quadrants with an equal number of schools in each quadrant insofar as possible.
2. Regional quad hosts will be the highest seeded team. If hosting a full quad, the host must have two courts in the same facility with adequate seating. If hosting a tri, the host must have one court with adequate seating. The highest seeds have the option to host the quad or tri at another facility with adequate courts and seating. If the highest seed is not able to host, the quad will take place at the next higher seed who has adequate courts and seating.
3. Sub-state hosts will be the highest seed. One court with adequate seating is required.

Classes 6A, 5A, 4A

1. After determining the number of schools participating (36 per class), those schools will be divided into two (2) groups on an east/west geographical basis with 18 schools per group.
2. On seeding day, the top four (4) seeds in each group will be designated as a sub-state host and each will host a 4-5 team sub-state tournament.
SS 1 = Seeds #1, 8, 9, 16, 17; SS 2 = Seeds #2, 7, 10, 15, 18; SS 3 = Seeds #3, 6, 11, 14; SS 4 = Seeds #4, 5, 12, 13.

PLEASE NOTE: Rankings by KVA, or media outlets, are not a criteria for making assignments.

Seeding Criteria (Regional, Sub-State and State Tournaments)

Seeding will be done by the tournament managers for sub-state tournaments. The KSHSAA will seed the state tournaments. The following criteria will be used:

1. Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine this percentage, divide the number of matches won by the number of matches played. Only varsity competition will count. The team with the higher percentage will receive the higher seed.
2. If two teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the seed.
 - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other team under consideration an identical number of times, go to step (c.).

- c. If two teams have the same percentage of wins and (a.) or (b.) will not resolve the tie, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
 - d. If the tie in (c.) still remains, then a draw by lot will determine the team receiving the higher seed. Use a person from your community as a witness.
- 3. If three teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - a. If one team has defeated the other two, it will receive the better seed.
 - b. If not, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie shall be broken by using procedures in (2.b.).
- 4. In sub-state tournaments, teams receiving a bye will consider the bye as a win on their win-loss record for seeding purposes in subsequent tournaments. In the Regional round, teams assigned to a Regional tri will receive a bye win to eliminate any disadvantage that may be created by being assigned to a tri versus a quad.

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

State Tournament Locations

State volleyball tournaments will be held at the following sites on Thursday - Saturday, October 30 - November 1, 2025.

Class 1A DII - Emporia-White Auditorim

111 E. 6th, Hwy 50, Emporia, 66801; Site Phone: 620-340-6300
Tom McEvoy, Manager; tom_mcevoy@me.com

Classes 2A, 1A DI - Dodge City-United Wireless Arena

4100 W. Comanche, Dodge City, KS 67801; Site Phone: 620-371-7390
Shawn Steiner, Manager; steiner.shawn@usd443.org

Classes 4A, 3A - Hutchinson Sports Arena

1300 N. Plum, Hutchinson, KS 67501; Site Phone: 620-665-3530
Josh Gooch, Manager; goochj@hutchcc.edu

Classes 6A, 5A - Salina-Tony's Pizza Events Center

800 The Midway, Salina, KS 67401; Site Phone: 785-826-7200
Kyle Weiser, Manager; kyle.weiser@oakviewgroup.com

State Tournament Pairings (All Classes)

State tournament pairings will be made by the KSHSAA Saturday evening, October 25. Brackets will be posted Sunday, October 26, on the KSHSAA website (www.kshsaa.org).

Eight sub-state winners (all classes) will be seeded according to percentage of wins. The team with the highest percentage of wins will receive the highest seed. All other teams will be placed in order according to their percentage of wins.

After teams have been ranked one through eight, they will be placed on the bracket as follows: Seeds 1-8-4-5 will be in POOL 1 (top bracket). Seeds 2-7-3-6 will be in POOL 2 (bottom bracket).

The top bracket of four teams, POOL 1 (teams 1-8-4-5), and the bottom bracket of four teams, POOL 2 (teams 2-7-3-6), will play each other in round robin pool play, with the top two teams from each pool completing the tournament.

Home Team

On Thursday and Friday for pool play, the higher seeded team will be the home team; on Saturday for bracket play, the team on the top of the bracket will be the home team.

Squad Lists and Team Photo (schools qualifying for state competition)

State Volleyball Squad List (found online at www.kshsaa.org) DUE to the KSHSAA by **NOON** the day after sub-state. A team photo must be uploaded with the state volleyball squad list.

Programs

Programs will be provided by the KSHSAA. Each team and each official will receive one complimentary copy. Program purchase price is \$4.

Warm-Up Procedure and Practice Balls

Please see Warm-Up Procedure (Postseason Tournaments), section 4. Unless notified otherwise, all teams will provide their own practice balls.

STATE TOURNAMENT TIME SCHEDULE

(matches will start no sooner than the time listed below)

Thursday, October 30, 2025 - Classes 5A, 3A, 1A DI

Pool 1 (Seeds 1-8-4-5)		Pool 2 (Seeds 2-7-3-6)	
Court A	Match Times	Court B	
4 vs 5	10:00 a.m.	3 vs 6	
1 vs 8	11:00 a.m.	2 vs 7	
4 vs 8	12:00 p.m.	3 vs 7	
1 vs 5	1:00 p.m.	2 vs 6	
5 vs 8	2:00 p.m.	6 vs 7	
1 vs 4	3:00 p.m.	2 vs 3	

Friday, October 31, 2025 - Classes 6A, 4A, 2A, 1A DII

Pool 1 (Seeds 1-8-4-5)		Pool 2 (Seeds 2-7-3-6)	
Court A	Match Times	Court B	
4 vs 5	10:00 a.m.	3 vs 6	
1 vs 8	11:00 a.m.	2 vs 7	
4 vs 8	12:00 p.m.	3 vs 7	
1 vs 5	1:00 p.m.	2 vs 6	
5 vs 8	2:00 p.m.	6 vs 7	
1 vs 4	3:00 p.m.	2 vs 3	

Introduction of Teams, State Tournaments - Thursday & Friday

All Classes at 9:15 a.m.

Prior to the start of the first round of pool play, the tournament officials and all eight teams (or all teams present at 9:15 a.m.) shall be introduced in a pre-tournament ceremony, after which the *National Anthem* will be played. The players and their coaches will be introduced individually using the following guidelines:

- AT EXACTLY 9:15 a.m. the teams shall march on the floor in the order in which they participate in pool play.
- Teams should form two lines to march on and off the court, with the first four teams to play forming a line on one side of the net and the other four teams forming a line on the other side of the net. (The tournament manager will designate the sides.) Players for each team should march on the court in numerical order. Players and coaches are to stand on the attack line facing the net.
- The PA announcer will read opening remarks provided by the KSHSAA.
- After all eight teams are in place, the announcer will announce the players' names by team in numerical order. As each player is introduced, have them take one step forward. The last name announced would be the team's head coach.
- After all teams have been introduced, introduce officials. Their names are in the *Volleyball Program*.
- Play the *National Anthem*. Make a closing remark (see script) and then march the players off the court.
- The first pre-match conference should begin at 9:35 a.m. followed by the match warm-up at 9:40 a.m. with the first match starting at 10:00 a.m. as listed in the tournament time schedule.

State Tournament Tiebreaking Procedure (Pool Play)

- Each state qualifying team will play 3 matches in pool play.
- After pool play, the 4 teams will be placed on the bracket as a result of pool play (1-4).
- There are 4 possible scenarios when pool play matches have been completed.
 - 3-0, 2-1, 1-2, 0-3
 - 3-0, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2
 - 2-1, 2-1, 2-1, 0-3
 - 2-1, 2-1, 1-2, 1-2

Ties will be broken as follows:

Any time there is a two-way tie from pool play, it will always be determined by head-to-head competition in pool play.

TWO-WAY TIE

1. If teams are tied, head-to-head competition in pool play will determine their position on the bracket.

THREE-WAY TIE

2. 2-1, 2-1, 2-1, 0-3

If three teams are tied for the top spot on the bracket (2-1, 2-1, 2-1), the percentage of games won in pool play will be used to determine the top two teams.

Using the percentage of games won in pool play, the following situations are offered as examples:

- a. Example 1: $5/7 = .714$, $5/8 = .625$, $4/7 = .571$
 - The team with .714 is the top team and will be the #1 seed from that pool.
 - Head to head competition in pool play between the remaining two teams (.625 and .571) will determine the #2 seed.
 - b. Example 2: $5/8 = .625$, $5/8 = .625$, $4/7 = .571$
 - The first two teams considered will be .625 and .625. Head to head competition will determine which of these two teams will be the #1 seed from the pool.
 - The remaining .625 team and .571 team will use head to head competition to determine who will be the #2 seed from the pool.
 - c. Example 3: $5/7 = .714$, $5/8 = .625$, $5/8 = .625$
 - The team with .714 is the top team and will be the #1 seed from that pool.
 - Head to head competition in pool play between the remaining two teams (.625 and .625) will determine the #2 seed.
3. IF THREE TEAM REMAIN TIED: A point differential among those tied teams will be used to determine the top teams. Only the scores of the matches between the teams involved in the tie will be used.
 - EXAMPLE OF POINT DIFFERENTIAL: Team A wins a match against Team B (25-22, 23-25, 26-24). The point differential for Team A would be +3 for the first set, -2 for the second set, and +2 for the third set. Team A would have +3 points for that match. Team B would have -3 points for that match.

After point differentials are determined, the top teams will be determined.

- Example 1: Team A has +2, Team B has +1, and Team C has -3. Team A and Team B advance. Head-to-head competition between Team A and Team B would determine who the #1 seed is from the pool.
- Example 2: Team A has +3, Team B has -3, and Team C has -3. Team A would advance and head-to-head competition will determine the second team to advance. If Team C beat Team B in head-to-head competition, Team C would advance. Head-to-head competition between Team A and Team C would determine the #1 seed from the pool.
- Example 3: Team A has +3, Team B has +3, and Team C has -3. Head-to-head competition between Team A and Team B would determine the #1 seed from the pool. If Team A beat Team B, Team A would be the #1





seed. Head-to-head competition between the two remaining teams (in this example, Team B and Team C) would determine the #2 seed from the pool.

4. IF THREE TEAMS REMAIN TIED: A point differential for all teams in the pool will be used to determine the top teams. If one team is identified and two teams remain tied, results of head-to-head competition will determine the other team pulled from the tie. When two teams are identified, results of head-to-head competition from pool play will determine their position on the bracket.
5. 3-0, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2

If three teams are tied for the second spot on the bracket (1-2, 1-2, 1-2), the percentage of games won in pool play will be used to determine on top team for the #2 spot. After that team has been identified, results of head-to-head competition between the remaining two teams that were tied will determine #3 and #4.

BRACKET PLACEMENT

After the two top teams in each bracket have been determined, the first place team in POOL 1 (the top bracket) will play the second place team in POOL 2 (the bottom bracket); the second place team in POOL 1 will play the first-place team in POOL 2. The winners of each playoff will meet in the championship match. The losers of each playoff match will meet for third and fourth places.

POOL 1 Court A					Matches Won	Matches Lost	Games Won	Games Lost	% Games Won	Point Differential	Pool Finish
											
											
											
											

Saturday, November 1, 2025 (Semifinals, Consolation, Championship)

Third place and championship matches on Saturday will begin approximately 25 minutes after the last semifinal match has concluded.

TIME	COURT	CLASS	COMPETITION
9:00 a.m.	A	5A, 3A, 1A DI, 1A DII	1st Place Pool 1 vs 2nd Place Pool 2
	B	5A, 3A, 1A DI, 1A DII	1st Place Pool 2 vs 2nd Place Pool 1
10:30 a.m.	B	5A, 3A, 1A DI, 1A DII	3rd Place Match
	A	5A, 3A, 1A DI, 1A DII	Championship Match
1:00 p.m.	A	6A, 4A, 2A	1st Place Pool 1 vs 2nd Place Pool 2
	B	6A, 4A, 2A	1st Place Pool 2 vs 2nd Place Pool 1
2:30 p.m.	B	6A, 4A, 2A	3rd Place Match
	A	6A, 4A, 2A	Championship Match

In the odd-numbered years, the odd-numbered classes will have early starting times; in even-numbered years, the even-numbered classes will have early starting times with the exception of 1A DII who will play in the morning. Therefore, in 2025, Classes 5A, 3A, 1A DI will have the early starting times and Classes 6A, 4A, 2A will have the later starting times.

Saturday Format

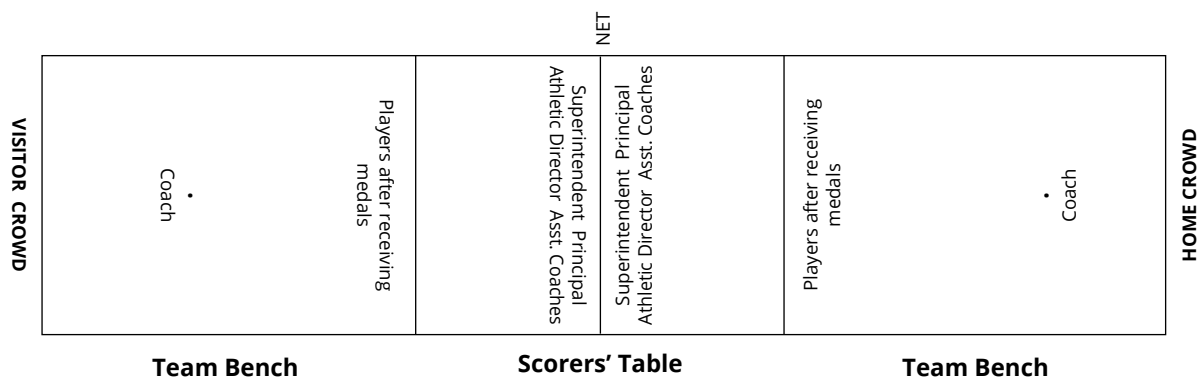
By class, teams will play their two Saturday matches back-to-back. The time schedule is listed above. The *National Anthem* will be played prior to the semifinal matches in each class (9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.). The third place and championship matches will be played at the same time (*see sequence*). The presentation of awards will be made when all competition for that class has concluded.

Fifteen minutes after the last semifinal match has concluded, the remaining four teams will do the following:

1. Pre-match conference
2. 10 minute warm-up
3. Begin play

At the conclusion of play on both courts, the awards presentation will take place. All players must be in team uniform and shoes for the ceremony and all four teams are to remain on the court throughout the entire ceremony.

Court Diagram for Introduction of Teams



Introductions and Presentation of Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. Individual medals will be presented to the 12 players and the head coach of the first, second, third and fourth place teams.

1. **All players must be in team uniform and shoes for the awards ceremony.**
2. When both matches have concluded, the awards will be presented first to the consolation match teams.
3. The lower place team will receive their awards first, and the teams will remain at their respective attack lines until all awards have been presented to both teams.
4. Teams will assemble at the benches on the side of the court nearest their cheering section.
5. The person designated by the manager will make the presentations 10 feet in front of the end line on each team's side of the court.
6. The announcer will introduce the superintendent, principal, athletic director and assistant coaches. All will stand by the net facing their crowd.
7. The announcer will introduce the head coach and she/he will come to the middle of the court about 10 feet from the endline.
8. The presenter will place the medal/ribbon over the coach's head.
9. The announcer will then read each team member's name and she will come to the middle of the floor to receive a medal from the coach.
10. The player will then go to the attack line on the side of their team bench, facing their crowd.
11. When all players have been introduced, the appropriate trophy will be presented.

COACHES AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS: Additional medals may be purchased by contacting the KSHSAA.

COACHES AND PLAYERS OF ALL TEAMS WINNING AWARDS SHALL REMAIN FOR THE ENTIRE AWARDS PRESENTATION.

09 OFFICIALS

Officials' Fees

Officials' expenses for state tournaments will be paid by the KSHSAA. Please refer to the *2025-26 Officials Handbook* for specifics.

Officials are to be paid the following amounts:

Match Officials:

*Sub-States/Regionals	2 Officials	\$50 per match (assigned and paid by KSHSAA)
**State	2 Officials	\$60 per match (assigned and paid by KSHSAA)

Line Judges:

Sub-States/Regionals	2 line judges	\$25 per match (assigned and paid by host school)
State	2 line judges	\$40 per match (assigned by host site and paid by KSHSAA)

Two officials will be assigned in Classes 6A, 5A, 4A sub-state tournaments (one court only).

- * Four officials will be assigned in regional quads two courts. Two officials will be assigned to regional triangulars using one court.
- ** Six officials per class will be assigned to each of the state tournaments, to work on a rotating basis, two officials per match. Four officials per class will be assigned to work Saturday semifinals and finals.

Officials' Expense Reports

Postseason officials will be paid by KSHSAA via Arbiter Pay.

- Matches worked - The KSHSAA administrator will enter an official's pay.
- Mileage - will be paid \$0.46/mile from official's zip code.
- Meals - Officials will receive a per diem of \$25 per day for meals (state only).

Please see the *2025-26 KSHSAA Officials Handbook* for additional information.

Official Assignments

KSHSAA registered officials will receive their postseason tournament assignments from the KSHSAA via Arbiter. In advance of the assignment release, all officials will be invited to join the KSHSAA group. All officials are encouraged to submit an application for a postseason assignment. This online application is due no later than **October 8, 2025**. In order to be eligible to work a postseason tournament, a KSHSAA registered official must:

1. attend a KSHSAA rules meeting in August 2025 (face-to-face or online);
2. complete and score a 90%+ score on the rules exam;
3. attend a volleyball clinic, work a jamboree or approved scrimmage
4. attend an Area Supervisor Meeting;
5. receive recommendations from KSHSAA member schools, submitted October 1-8, 2025.

Official Uniform

The KSHSAA approved blue cyan shirts (no black piping) are required for varsity and postseason contests. Officials may wear blue or white for sub-varsity contests, but the officials must match on each court.

Neither a member school nor an approved school shall take any action to prevent an athletic official from officiating a contest because of the official's race, sex, religion or national origin. Neither shall a member school or an approved school participate in a contest for which an athletic official has been excluded from officiating because of the official's race, sex, religion or national origin.

Managers should provide a private room which the officials may occupy during the course of the tournament. This room should be available to them as a dressing room and lounge between matches. Officials should be informed where they are to enter the building and the location of this room(s). Arrangements should be made for someone to meet them when they arrive.

Post the NO ADMITTANCE signs (Form O found at www.kshsaa.org>Schools>Login>EntryForms>Yearly-Letter Forms) on the dressing room door. Do not allow anyone else to enter this room other than the manager or an official KSHSAA representative. Assign security personnel to see this is done. The host school's cooperation will be appreciated by the officials and will assure a better officiated tournament.

Postseason Volleyball Official Rotation

2 Court/1 Court Regional for Class 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII

Four officials will be assigned when using 2 courts for Regional quads. Two officials will be assigned when using 1 court for Regional tris. Each set of officials will work three matches together.

Regional Quad Rotation

Court A	Court B
#2 (R1), #4 (R2)	#1 (R1), #3 (R2)
#1 (R2), #3 (R1)	#2 (R2), #4 (R1)
* MANDATORY 20 MINUTE BREAK *	
#1 (R1), #3 (R2)	#2 (R1), #4 (R2)

Regional Tri Rotation

Court A
#1 (R1), #2 (R2)
#1 (R2), #2 (R1)
#1 (R1), #2 (R2)

4A (5 teams)

2 officials; both officials will work 4 matches

SS1	Seeds 16 vs 17	2=R1, 1=R2
	Seeds 1 vs 16/17	1=R1, 2=R2
	Seeds 8 vs 9	2=R1, 1=R2
	Championship	1=R1, 2=R2
SS2	Seeds 15 vs 18	2=R1, 1=R2
	Seeds 2 vs 15/18	1=R1, 2=R2
	Seeds 7 vs 10	2=R1, 1=R2
	Championship	1=R1, 2=R2

4A, 5A, 6A (4 teams)

2 officials; both officials will work 3 matches

SS3	Seeds 3 vs 14	1=R1, 2=R2
	Seeds 6 vs 11	2=R1, 1=R2
	Championship	1=R1, 2=R2

SS4	Seeds 4 vs 13	1=R1, 2=R2
	Seeds 5 vs 12	2=R1, 1=R2
	Championship	1=R1, 2=R2

3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII Sub-State

Two officials will be assigned for each Sub-State using the rotation below.

Seeds 1 or 2	1 = R1, 2 = R2
Seeds 3 or 4	2 = R1, 1 = R2
Championship	1 = R1, 2 = R2

KANSAS COACHES ASSOCIATION (KCA)

Coaches desiring to change a KSHSAA rule or policy in a sport are encouraged to contact the Kansas Coaches Association (KCA). The KCA is an organization whose officers and sports chairpersons serve on a voluntary basis. The KCA is the only coaches advisory organization to the KSHSAA. Throughout the school year, sport chairpersons survey coaches across the state on a variety of topics. Each spring the KCA will bring to the KSHSAA Executive Board recommendations that receive 70%+ support by the coaches and KCA Executive Board. For more information: www.kansascoaches.com

