



VOLLEYBALL

GENERAL

MAILINGS: Rulebooks are sent to athletic directors. All other information pertaining to volleyball should be found in this section of the Handbook or online.

CLASSIFICATIONS: A, AA, AAA, AAAA.

DATE OF FIRST PRACTICE: No earlier than August 1.

PRESEASON SCRIMMAGES: Schools are allowed two preseason varsity scrimmages. These scrimmages must be conducted as events open to the public (no closed scrimmages allowed) and one scrimmage must use NCHSAA registered officials. Officials are to be assigned to work a maximum of two hours per scrimmage. Multiple team scrimmages are allowed. Junior varsity scrimmages are allowed in conjunction with varsity scrimmages at the same date and site.

DATE OF FIRST MATCH: No earlier than August 19.

NUMBER OF REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS: No more than four matches per week, on 4 separate days if the fourth is on a non-school day; may still have 4 in 3 days (no seasonal limit).

MATCHES: In regular season play, matches will be decided by the best three out of five sets (only ones that count for record). Rally scoring will be used in all volleyball dual matches, regular season and playoffs (NFHS rules). The rally scoring format is 25-point sets (no cap) and 15-point deciding (no cap). This format also includes the let serve. It is permissible for an athlete to participate in a junior varsity and a varsity match in the same day; however, those players are still subject to the weekly limitation of four matches not to exceed three days. Volleyball is limited to 4 matches a day. In regular-season tournament competition, 12 11-point sets equals a match, as many as seven 15-point sets equals a match, as many as five 25-point sets equals a match, or the regular three out of five sets. Junior varsity matches will be two out of three sets, rally scoring (25-point games with no cap for all sets).

STARTING TIME: A time no earlier than 5:00 pm is recommended, unless facilities dictate otherwise.

ELIGIBILITY SHEETS: Should be kept on file at the local school and are required to be shared among conference members.

SCHEDULES: Schools are required to submit varsity and junior varsity schedules to their appropriate regional supervisor by May 15.

EJECTIONS: Failure to file an ejection report for a player or coach (online) is subject to a \$50 fine. Reports must be filed within 48 hours or two working days, of the ejection. See Sportsmanship/Ejection Policy. An ejection is a judgment call; therefore, there are no appeals. If the wrong player is identified, a correction can be made through the regional supervisor and the NCHSAA.

NOISEMAKERS: Any noise-making objects are prohibited at indoor contests.

BODY PAINT: No face/body paint is allowed during regular season or playoffs.

PLAYOFFS

UNPAID FINES: Schools that have unpaid fines to the NCHSAA are not eligible to compete in the playoffs for that sport (i.e. baseball fine would be specific to baseball playoffs) unless the fine is paid two (2) days prior to the reporting date for that sport.

Any fine not paid at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) will carry over to the following school year making all teams at said school ineligible for playoffs until the fine is paid in full.

PLAYOFF REPRESENTATIVES AND TIES IN STANDINGS: If two or more of the conference's teams are tied at the end of the regular season, (1) the team that won from the other(s)

during the season gets the higher seeding, or (2) if the teams split during the regular season, the approved tiebreaking system shall be used (see Games and Sport administration section).

QUALIFIERS: The number-one seed from a conference will be the regular-season champion, with the number-two seed the winner of the conference tournament. If a team below number-two in the conference wins the conference tournament, it becomes the number-two seed. All other berths are determined by regular-season standings. This applies in all appropriate team sports.

FORMAT: Conferences with as many as five teams playing volleyball will be guaranteed a playoff berth in the single-elimination tournament in each classification. All playoff matches will be the best three out of five sets, rally scoring.

PLAYOFF DECLARATION: A school has the option to "opt out" of the playoffs, provided it fills out the Playoff Declaration Form on the website, submits it and it is in the NCHSAA offices prior to the reporting deadline for that specific sport. Proper submission means the school will not be considered for either an automatic berth or a wild card position. If the form is not submitted, then the school will be considered and may qualify for a playoff berth.

SCHEDULE:

deadline for reporting.....	October 17, 6 a.m.	fourth round.....	October 26
first round.....	October 19	regional.....	October 29
second round.....	October 22	state championship.....	November 2
third round.....	October 24		

Teams should contact each other to work out details for their playoff contest. Match time will be 7:00 p.m., unless mutually agreed to play at 6 p.m. NOTE: Where the distance is more than 100 miles for the visiting team, game time will be 6:00 p.m. Any other exceptions must be approved by the NCHSAA. Also, postponed games must be played the next day, including Saturday. Furthermore, Saturday matches may be played earlier if mutually agreed upon. For the first two rounds of the playoffs, officials are to be assigned by the local regional supervisor of the higher-seeded team. After the first two rounds, officials must come from a neutral regional supervisor or an officials association mutually agreed upon. Officiating assignments for regionals will be determined by the NCHSAA Supervisor of Officials and host schools must follow up with regional supervisors. Matches may be played earlier than the assigned date by mutual agreement.

ADMISSION: \$6.00 for all in all rounds prior to regionals (includes one dollar for Endowment); \$7.00 for all at regional competition (includes one dollar for Endowment). Admission must be charged until completion of the contest.

REPORTING PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS AND ADVANCEMENT: For reporting potential qualifiers to state playoffs, conference presidents are required to submit the appropriate information online immediately upon conclusion of the regular season. The information includes overall won-loss record (only 3 out of 5 matches count) and winning percentage for all conference schools. This must be submitted prior to the appropriate deadline. The overall winning percentage and finish in conference standings will be considered when determining which schools qualify for wild-card berths in playoffs.

Upon conclusion of the conference tournament, the conference president will immediately submit the adjusted **overall** records of all teams. These are the records that will be listed on the brackets themselves when playoff qualifiers are posted.

Failure to comply with the initial reporting procedure will result in a \$400 fine to the conference.

After schools have qualified for the playoffs, it is their responsibility to report advancement by the appropriate method and deadline as designated by the NCHSAA. Failure to report a playoff advancement will result in a \$400 fine to the school. Teams must report advancement no later than 6 a.m. the day following each win. Postponements should also be reported.

Check website for additional information.

REQUIRED TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: Teams in the volleyball playoffs are also required to submit a team photograph via email (roughly 3" x 5" at 300 dpi grayscale please) and fill out roster and team information forms. Information is online.

TEAM EXPENSES: Gate receipts and individual game expenses in the first round, second round, district and sectional rounds are the responsibility of the competing teams. The NCHSAA receives 15% of the gross gate from the second-round, district and sectional rounds and 25% of the gross at the regional level. **NOTE:** participating schools are responsible for dividing any deficit or net.

In order that the overall expenses of conducting the contest may be evenly shared, the following expense formula must be used in all rounds prior to the state championship:

Where the distance between competing teams is 100 miles or less, the visiting school will pay its own transportation and meals. The host school will provide the playing facility, ticket takers, security and balls at no charge. Officials are to be paid from gate receipts. Where the distance is more than 100 miles, the same plan should be followed, except the officials are paid by the host school, rather than from the gate receipts. All concession rights to the host school.

PEP BANDS: Pep bands of participating schools are not permitted for playoffs. Note that banners, noisemakers, placards and signs are prohibited.

REGIONAL AWARDS: Team plaques will be presented to the regional champion and regional runner-up.

EQUIPMENT: Balls must have the authenticating NFHS ball mark.

PAYMENT OF OFFICIALS: Officials are to be paid based on local fiscal policy as soon as possible.

BODY PAINT: no face/body paint is allowed during regular season or playoffs.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

DATE AND SITE: State championships in all four classes will be held on November 2 at Reynolds Coliseum on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Competition is best three out of five games. The Western champions are the home teams in each classification.

ADMISSION: \$9.00 for all (includes one dollar surcharge for Endowment).

TIME SCHEDULE:

Facility open	10:30 a.m.
1A Championship	12:00 noon
2A Championship	2:30 p.m.
3A Championship	5:00 p.m.
4A Championship	7:30 p.m.

Official warm-up: five minute home team, five minute visiting team, five minutes home team, five minutes visiting team. Olympic protocol will be used in the opening ceremonies for each championship.

OFFICIALS: Will be assigned by the NCHSAA Supervisor of Officials.

AWARDS: A plaque will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Members of the championship and runner-up teams will receive individual awards (a total of 20).

GATE RECEIPTS: The net balance will be divided as follows, 20% to each of the competing teams and 60 percent to the NCHSAA.

TEAM EXPENSES: Travel and meal expenses for 13 players plus a coach and manager shall be allowed at the same rate as basketball.

OFFICIAL BALL: The Wilson Icor High Performance (WTH7700XBLSI) is the official ball of the state championships.

NCHSAA SPORTS BRACKETS

For the most up-to-date information on brackets in various sports, including conference playoff berths, seeding priorities and qualifiers, consult the NCHSAA web site at www.nchsaa.org, and use the Playoff Brackets link on the homepage.

Since brackets sometimes undergo changes during the course of an academic year, the decision has been made to omit them in printed form in the Handbook and make them available only on line. This eliminates confusion between brackets printed in some cases many months before the playoffs begin, and the actual updated online versions that may contain changes from the original version.

OFFICIATING

OFFICIALS: Each school must use only NCHSAA-registered officials. Two officials must be used for all varsity competition, and schools are required to have an individual capable of serving as a line judge. Line judges may be used in playoffs if both schools mutually agree. If line judges are used, the competing schools must pay them (full fee).

CLINICS: Head coaches are required to attend one of the NCHSAA clinics in their sport, or in conjunction with the rules sessions at the North Carolina Coaches Association clinic held in Greensboro in July.

GAME FEES: For all classifications:				
	Single Match (2 of 3)	Additional	Single Match (3 of 5)	Additional
Regular season	\$45 flat fee	\$25	\$50 flat fee	\$27.50
Playoffs (includes conference tournament)			\$65 flat fee	
Line Judges (if used)			\$65 flat fee each	
JV & ninth grade	\$35 flat fee	\$20	\$40 flat fee	\$22.50

There is a \$25 fee per hour (or any fraction of an hour) for officials per court for scrimmages.

BOOKING FEE: school booking fee to officials' association is \$125 per booking and \$100 for each additional booking in that sport. For regular season and invitational tournaments: 5-12 matches, \$75; 13-25 matches, \$100; 26-50 matches, \$150; over 50 matches, \$200.

2013-14 NCHSAA State Volleyball Clinic Dates: See NCHSAA website.



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