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- (k) Supervision: All individuals participating in state playoff competition at any level must be properly supervised. If not, they will be eliminated from competition.
 - (1) Coaches are responsible for seeing that their team members remain at the track site and do not interfere with normal school operations.
 - (2) If anyone besides school personnel accompanies participants, a letter from the principal must be sent to the NCHSAA authorizing this and a copy of the letter must be on hand at the meet.
- (l) Team Championship: A team must have multiple entries (more than one entry) in order to win a team championship.
- (m) Uniform: Each team member shall wear a uniform (jersey and trunks) that complies with NFHS regulations.
- (n) Awards: Plaques will be presented to the regional championship team and regional runner-up team, and individual awards will be given to the top three finishers in each event.
- (o) Admission: Admission is \$7.00 at regionals (outdoor track).
- (p) Expenses: Each school will bear its own expenses to regional competition.
- (q) Outdoor Track Qualifiers to State Meet: The top four finishers in each event (including relays) will qualify from the regionals to the state meet.
 - (1) Substitutes for qualifiers are not permitted, except for relays.
 - (2) All ties at regional level must be broken for advancement to state meet.
 - (3) Only participants qualifying through regional meets may compete.

4.12.3 State Championships:

- (a) Dates and Sites:
 - (1) Indoor Track: February 11-12, 2022 at JDL Fast Track indoor facility in Winston-Salem.
 - (2) Outdoor Track: 2A/3A - May 13; 1A/4A - May 14 at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.
- (b) Admission: Indoor \$10.00 — Outdoor \$10.00 for all. The number of qualifiers will determine the number of coaches to be admitted. Track non-qualifiers (including managers) may be admitted for \$5.00 each and must be with a coach.
- (c) Awards: A plaque will be presented to the winning and runner-up teams. Members of the winning team (10 individual medals for indoor track) and the top four individual finishers in each event will receive awards.
- (d) Expenses: Teams will be paid at a rate of 5 cents per mile for each qualifier, including coach, up to a maximum of 35 cents.
- (e) Protests: The state meet director will form a Games Committee to hear properly registered protests, or appoint a Jury of Appeals to hear such protests. The decision of the committee or jury, if appointed, in these matters is final.
- (f) Relay Cards: Each school competing in a relay at the state meet must submit a card at the beginning of the event listing all four names (first and last) of the competitors and the name of that event. These should be presented when reporting to the clerk of course and will be used to help determine numbers from each school for reimbursement purposes.
- (g) Order of Events and Scoring: Will be the same as published in the 2022 NFHS Track and Field Rules Book.
- (h) Indoor Track Minimum Times: Indoor track minimum times for state entry will be posted on the NCHSAA website.
 - (1) Qualifying requirements must be met at official indoor meets or at indoor meets run on outdoor facilities.
 - (2) To host an indoor meet at an outdoor facility, a minimum of five teams is required. Any meet with less than five must be approved by the NCHSAA using the appropriate request form.
- (i) Indoor Track Entries:
 - (1) All indoor entries must be submitted online on nc.milesplit.com.
 - (2) All entries must be received by Saturday at 9 pm, the week prior to the state indoor championships.
 - (3) No one may use times from the previous spring outdoor season to qualify to the state meet.
 - (4) Individuals and relay teams must meet minimum qualifying times and distances to be eligible to enter the state meet.
 - (5) Late entries may be submitted to the NCHSAA and must be in by 3:00 p.m. the Monday prior to the championship. Use the form on the NCHSAA website. A \$50 fee will be assessed for each entry. No entries after this will be accepted.
 - (6) Scratches may be made prior to the start of the indoor championship. An entry who is scratched after the meet begins is disqualified for the remainder of the meet. Coaches who plan to arrive after the start of the meet must have someone else make their scratches.

4.13 VOLLEYBALL

4.13.1 General:

- (a) Information on Mailings, Classifications, Payment of Officials, Eligibility Sheets, Ejections, Playoff Declaration, Unpaid Fines, NCHSAA Clinic Dates, Body Paint and Noisemakers are found under General Requirements for Interscholastic Activities (4.1).
- (b) Date of First Practice: August 2.
- (c) Preseason Scrimmages: Reference 4.1.5
- (d) Date of First Match: August 16.
- (e) Health and Safety Guidelines: Reference General Requirements for Interscholastic Athletic Activities for a listing of Guidelines (4.1.22) and Health and Safety Guidelines (2.3) for all the information.
- (f) Number of Regular Season Contests: Total 22 matches - No more than 4 matches per week, on 4 separate days, if the fourth is on a non-school day; may play 4 in 3 or fewer days. Volleyball is limited to 4 matches a day. Teams are limited to a maximum of two (2) tournaments per year. Each tournament will count as one (1) contest on the schedule and is subject to the weekly limit allowance (see below). Teams cannot exceed three (3) "best of five" matches in a tournament and each "best of five" match will count towards the seeding record/RPI.

NOTE: At no time can a team participate in more than 24 total "best of five" matches.

- (1) In regular season play, only matches decided by the best three out of five sets will count toward record.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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 and seasonal limitations.
- (4) The following indicates the weekly limit allowance for tournament play during the regular season:

- (i) 0 – 2 Regular three (3) out of five (5) Matches: One (1) Tournament allowed that week.
- (ii) 3 – 4 Regular three (3) out of five (5) Matches: No Tournaments allowed that week

Ex. 1: Monday - One (1) regular season best-of-five match

Wednesday - One (1) regular season best-of-five match

Saturday - Multi-team tournament with pool play and a best-of-three format = One (1) match

Total: Three (3) matches for the week and toward the season limit

Ex 2: If Team A plays in a tri-match during a week, versus Team B and C, with a best three out of five format, each contest counts as one (1) match towards your allowed limitations (i.e. Team A vs. Team B = One (1) match; Team A vs. Team C = One (1) match; therefore, a total of two (2) matches on your schedule).

- (6) Junior varsity matches will be two out of three sets, rally scoring (25-point games with no cap for all sets). A conference can choose to cap the third game of a JV Volleyball match at 15 points.
- (7) Junior varsity conference tournament games must count toward the 22-game limit.
- (g) Starting Time: A time no earlier than 5:00 pm is recommended, unless facilities dictate otherwise.
- (h) Schedules: Schools are required to submit varsity and junior varsity schedules to their appropriate regional supervisor by May 15.
- (i) Filming, Videotaping and Video Streaming: Reference 4.1.25.
- (j) Equipment: NCHSAA approved balls are required for all playoff events. The NCHSAA strongly recommends their adoption for regular season play.

4.13.2 Playoffs:

- (a) Representatives and Ties in Standings: If two or more of the conference's teams are tied for a playoff berth at the end of the regular season,
 - (1) the team that won from the other(s) during the season gets the berth, or
 - (2) if the teams split during the regular season, the approved tie breaking system shall be used (see 4.1.13).
- (b) Reporting Playoff Qualifiers: For reporting potential qualifiers to state playoffs, conference presidents are required to submit the appropriate information on the NCHSAA website immediately upon conclusion of the regular season.
 - (1) 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 deadlines. The overall winning percentage and finish in conference standings will be considered when determining which schools qualify for wild-card berths in playoffs.
 - (2) 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.

- (3) Failure to comply with the initial reporting procedure will result in a \$400 fine to the conference.
- (c) Qualifiers: See 4.1.18 (Playoff Berths/Qualification).
- (d) Format: All playoff matches will be the best three out of five sets, rally scoring.
- (e) Seeding: See 4.1.19.
- (f) Playoff Brackets: Will be posted on the NCHSAA Website once seeding is complete.
- (g) Schedule:

Deadline for Reporting	October 20, 11:59 p.m.	Fourth Round	October 30
First Round	October 23	Regional	November 2
Second Round	October 26	State	November 6
Third Round	October 28		
- (1) Teams should contact each other to work out details for their playoff contest.
- (2) Saturday matches may be played earlier if mutually agreed upon.
- (3) Matches may be played earlier than the assigned date by mutual agreement.
- (h) Match Times: Match time will be 7:00 p.m., unless mutually agreed to play at 6 p.m. Where the distance is more than 100 miles for the visiting team, game time will be 6:00 p.m.
 - (1) Any other exceptions must be approved by the NCHSAA.
 - (2) Saturday: Teams may play at any time if mutually agreed upon.
 - (i) If teams cannot mutually agree, the higher seeded team may choose a starting time between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - (a) Between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. if the visiting team is over 100 miles one-way.
- (i) Postponed Games: Postponed games must be played the next day, including Saturday.
- (j) Officials: For the first two rounds of the playoffs, officials are to be assigned by the local regional supervisor of the higher-seeded team.
 - (1) After the first two rounds, officials must come from a neutral regional supervisor or an officials association mutually agreed upon.
 - (2) Officiating assignments for regionals will be determined by the NCHSAA Supervisor of Officials and host schools must follow up with regional supervisors.
- (k) Admission: \$7.00 in all rounds prior to regionals; \$8.00 at regional competition. Admission must be charged until completion of the contest.
- (l) Team Expenses: Gate receipts and individual game expenses in the first round, second round, third round, fourth, and regional round are the responsibility of the competing teams.

NOTE: Participating schools are responsible for dividing any deficit or net.

 - (1) The NCHSAA receives 0% of the gross gate for men's and women's soccer in first round games.
 - (2) The NCHSAA receives 15% of the gross gate from second round, third round, fourth round games.
 - (3) The NCHSAA receives 25% of the gross gate from regional playoff games.

NOTE: participating schools are responsible for dividing any deficit or net.
 - (4) So 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:
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (iii) All concession rights to the host school.
- (m) Pep Bands, Banners, Placards, and Signs: Pep bands of participating schools are not permitted for playoffs. Note that banners, placards and signs are prohibited.
- (n) Regional Awards: Team plaques will be presented to the regional champion and regional runner-up.
- (o) Official Ball: The Wilson K1 Gold (WTH1895A1XB) is the official ball of the playoffs and championships. The Wilson K1 Silver may also be used in the playoffs.

4.13.3 State Championship:

- (a) Date, Site, Format, and Home Team: State championships in all four classes will be held on November 6. Competition is best three out of five games. The Western champion is the home team.
- (b) Admission: \$10.00 for all.
- (c) TIME SCHEDULE:

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