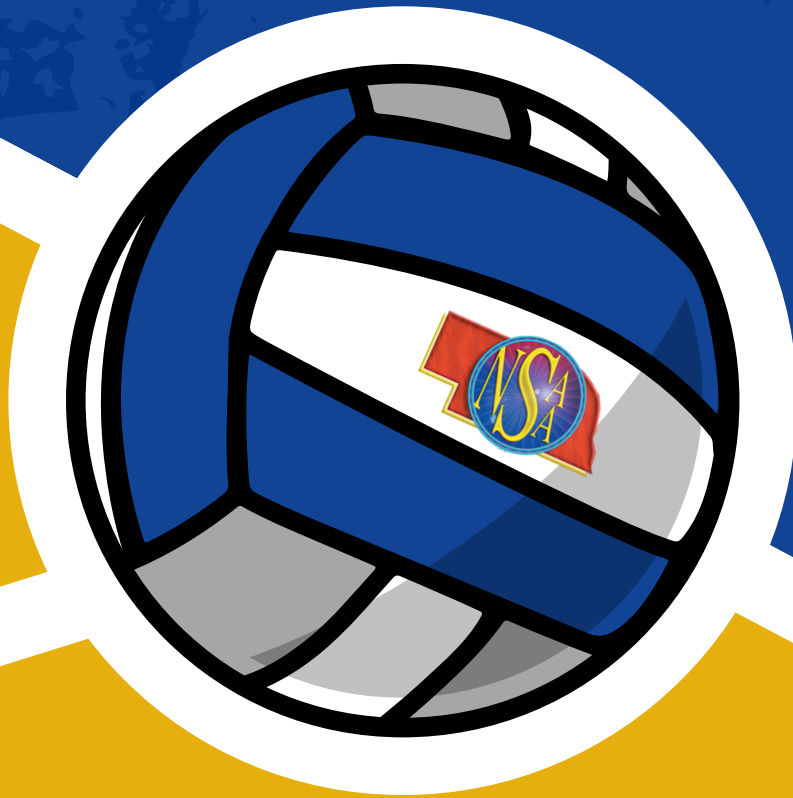


NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

# VOLLEYBALL

## MANUAL



**2024-2025**

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## **NSAA Mission and Purpose**

The public and non-public high schools of Nebraska voluntarily agreed to form the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) for the following purposes:

- To formulate and make policies which will cultivate high ideals of citizenship, fair competition, sportsmanship and teamwork which will complement the member schools' curriculum programs;
- To foster uniformity of standards in interscholastic activity competition;
- To organize, develop, direct and regulate an interscholastic activity program which is equitable and will protect and promote the health and physical welfare of all participants

## ***Who is the NSAA?***

### ***The Other Half of Education***

- The NSAA is a non-profit organization, comprised of 309 public and non-public member high schools in the State of Nebraska. Member schools voluntarily agree to conduct NSAA-sanctioned activities consistent with the rules established locally and the rules established collectively as members of the NSAA.
- The NSAA sanctions 24 sports and 5 performing arts activities and directs 28 State Championships for nearly 100,000 student-activity participants annually.
- The NSAA Constitution and Bylaws, Activity Manuals and policies form the governance structure of the organization. These regulations are approved and changed only by member schools and a member-elected Board of Directors through the legislative process initiated and driven by member schools. Unless otherwise noted, NSAA rules and regulations apply to current 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- NSAA rules set baselines for participation such as: academic requirements; attendance requirements; transfer eligibility; sportsmanship.
- The primary functions of the NSAA Staff are to: assist member schools with compliance questions related to eligibility, transfers and playing rules; enforce the rules established by the member schools; and administer NSAA State Championship events.
- The NSAA honors and recognizes students, coaches and volunteers for their excellence and achievements through multiple awards programs.
- The NSAA annually registers officials and judges. Member schools are responsible for hiring officials and judges during the regular season.
- When parents, families, students, or community members have questions or concerns related to NSAA-sanctioned activities, those must be directed first to the administration of the member school.
- Staffing, playing time, and team rules are decisions made by the member school, not the NSAA. The NSAA has no authority to interfere with these member school decisions.

This Volleyball Manual has been prepared and designed to provide general information for use in the administration of NSAA volleyball competition. It will serve as a guide to the participating schools and will provide for greater consistency between matches. The regulations in this manual shall be considered official unless the schools are notified of a change.

Assistant Director, Jeff Stauss, is the NSAA staff member responsible for administering volleyball and is the person schools with questions regarding this activity should contact. He can be reached at [jstauss@nsaahome.org](mailto:jstauss@nsaahome.org) or through Administrative Assistant, Alicia McCoy, [amccoy@nsaahome.org](mailto:amccoy@nsaahome.org).

## 2024-25 NSAA Changes

The largest 65 schools registered for volleyball will be in Classes A & B. (Pg. 9)
Classes C1 & C2 Sub-District Assignments - Each class will be divided into 4 regions, based on geography. The westernmost region will consist of 1 sub-district of 5 or 6 teams. The other 3 regions will have 15-18 teams. Those 3 regions will then serpentine into 3 sub-districts of 4-6 teams, based on wildcard points. 10 sub-district winners & 6 wildcards will qualify for district finals. (Pgs. 14 & 20)
In Class C1 & C2, the higher seed will host district finals. (Pgs. 14 & 20)
In Class D1 & Class D2, 7th and 8th grade team managers are allowed to participate in practice. (Pg. 8)
All head and assistant coaches are required to be CPR/AED certified once every two years.

## 2024-25 NFHS RULES BOOK CHANGES

<b>4-2-3a, 7-1-1</b>	Allows a player to change uniform numbers without penalty when a uniform is damaged in addition to when a uniform has blood on it.
<b>5-4-3c(1)</b>	Allows all players on the roster, not just starting players, to stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set.
<b>5-9-2b NOTE (NEW)</b>	Requires line judges to switch sides of the court between sets when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match.
<b>11-4-1b</b>	Allows teams to substitute during an injury time-out for the libero replacement if the libero is injured or ill.

## Important Dates

<b>Date of First Practice</b>	Monday, August 12
<b>Schedules Due</b>	Friday, August 23
<b>Date of First Contest</b>	Thursday, August 29
<b>District Entries Due</b>	Monday, October 21
<b>District &amp; Sub-District Seeding Released</b>	Thursday, October 24
<i>District &amp; Sub-District Seeding based on matches through Tuesday, October 22</i>	
<b>Class A Districts</b>	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, October 28, 29 & 30
<b>Classes C1/C2/D1/D2 Sub-Districts</b>	Monday & Tuesday, October 28 & 29
<b>Class B Sub-Districts</b>	Tuesday, October 29 & Wednesday, October 30
<b>Classes B/C1/C2/D1/D2 District Finals</b>	Saturday, November 2
<b>State Volleyball Championships</b>	Wednesday – Saturday, November 6 - 9

## Future Dates

Year	First Practice Monday Week 6	First Contest Thursday Week 8	Sub-Districts/Districts/ District Finals Week 17	State Championships Wednesday-Saturday Week 18
<b>2025-2026</b>	August 11	August 28	October 27 - November 1	November 5-8
<b>2026-2027</b>	August 10	August 27	October 26-31	November 4-7
<b>2027-2028</b>	August 9	August 26	October 25-30	November 3-6

# NSAA Bylaws and Approved Rulings Overview

For a complete listing of NSAA Bylaws and Approved Rulings, please refer to the [NSAA Constitution & Bylaws](#).

**Rules Meetings.** The NSAA presents rules meetings in order to inform and educate coaches, officials, and judges about NFHS playing rules and rules changes, NSAA guidelines and approved rulings, and to discuss health and safety issues related to activities participation. All head coaches are required to attend an NSAA Rules Meeting or complete an NSAA Rules Meeting online annually. Online rules meetings are initially offered at no cost to coaches or officials followed by a period with a \$50 “Late” Fee. Failure to complete the rules meeting will result in possible late fees and suspension penalties, as stated below. Additional sanctions and fees are applicable to those coaches who fail to complete the rules meeting by the expiration of the “Late” Fee period, [as detailed in the Constitution & Bylaws](#).

## **2024 Volleyball Rules Meeting Schedule**

**July 29-August 21 – No Charge to Head Coaches**

**August 22-23 – Late/Penalty \$50 Fee – Head Coaches**

### **APPROVED RULING 2.1.2 - Medical Personnel at Regular Season Games**

*It is important for every school to have an emergency action plan (EAP) for administrators, faculty, coaches and staff members to follow should emergencies occur. Due to lack of universal availability of medical coverage and other logistical reasons, NSAA does not require that schools have a physician, trainer or ambulance on-site at regular season activities.*

### **APPROVED RULING 2.12 – Required NFHS Courses for Coaches & CPR/AED Certification**

*All coaches, activity sponsors, and volunteers are required to complete the NFHS [Concussion in Sports](#), [Heat Illness Prevention](#), and [Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training](#) courses at least once every three years. These courses should be taken prior to any preseason or regular season physical workouts that the respective coach would be present for or involved in administering. Any course taken after May 1 would be considered valid for the following school year. **All first-year coaches are required to complete all three courses prior to the start of the activity season which they are to coach.***

*Note: A heat acclimatization period is required for football, golf, softball, tennis, and cross country. However, consideration should also be taken for any volleyball practices conducted in hot and humid weather in non-air cooled facilities.*

### **CPR/AED Certification**

*All head coaches/sponsors and assistant coaches/sponsors are required to be CPR/AED certified once every two years. Certification should be completed prior to any pre-season or regular season physical workouts that the respective coach/sponsor would be present for or involved in administering. All first-year head coaches/sponsors and assistant coaches/sponsors are required to complete certification prior to the start of the activity season which they are to coach. Coaches aides and volunteer coaches are not required to be CPR/AED certified.*

### **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. In order to determine if the NSAA can authorize such an accommodation, the school administration should contact the NSAA to request an accommodation hearing.

### **APPROVED RULING 3.1.1, C. - End of Season for Outside Participation**

*Students who are not listed on the NSAA District entry form may participate in outside group instruction or competition of the same sport before the varsity school team has been completely eliminated from postseason competition. Those students who have participated in outside group instruction or competition following their regular season schedule would not be eligible to be placed on the district or state entry form of the same sport and would not be allowed to practice with the varsity team.*

### **3.2.1 – School-Year, Out-of-Season Programs**

A member school shall not provide support, hold an organized practice or enter students in any non-high school competition in NSAA sponsored sports outside of the defined NSAA season.

### **APPROVED RULING 3.2.1**

*Faculty vs. student, alumni vs. student, or parent vs. student contests are not permissible during the season of the sport involved. If such contests are held out-of-season, the organized practice rule must be followed.*

### **3.2.2 – “School-Year, Out-of-Season” Definition**

“School-year, out-of-season” is defined as that period of time during the school year in which no organized practice can be conducted. The “school-year, out-of-season” period begins on the first day of fall practice and runs until the first allowable date of practice in that sport, and the period after a team or individual has been eliminated from further competition during the championship series of district and state tournaments/meets through Memorial Day or the end of the school year, whichever is later. For non-varsity competition, “school year, out-of-season” begins the day following the last date of interscholastic competition or the last date of the varsity season, whichever is later.

### **3.2.3 – “School-Year, Out-of-Season” Participation**

Except during the season of the sport involved, a student may be a member of a non-high school team and compete unattached in non-high school competition. Students are prohibited from wearing high school uniforms during non-high school sponsored competition.

### **3.2.4, B. - Organized Practice**

No organized practice in any sport shall be held during the “school-year, out-of-season” period. An organized practice shall be defined as follows:

B) **Volleyball.** An organized practice shall mean more than four students under the direct supervision of a sponsor (as defined in AR 3.2.4). If more than one group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice.

### **APPROVED RULING 3.2.4**

*Any individual who served as a school’s head coach, assistant coach, coach’s aide, or volunteer coach shall not coach athletes from that member school in non-high school competition if the number of athletes from the school which the individual served exceeds the number permitted for an organized practice in the sport involved.*

### **3.2.5 - Conditioning Program**

A member school may organize and supervise a “school year, out-of-season” conditioning program to include weightlifting, running, and exercising for its members in accordance with the following provision:

- A) Such a conditioning program shall be general in nature and may include only exercises designed to promote physical fitness.
- B) Sport-specific drills are not allowed, and sport-specific equipment may not be used.
- C) The conditioning session shall be no longer than 60 minutes in length, and no student shall participate in more than one such session per day.
- D) Conditioning programs shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend conditioning sessions as a prerequisite for membership or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

### **APPROVED RULING 3.2.5**

*Conditioning sessions organized and run by members of the school’s coaching staff are subject to the 60-minute limitation. Students, for example, who work out on their own at the school facility in weight lifting, general calisthenics, running, or agility-type exercises shall not be considered to be involved in an organized conditioning program.*

### **3.2.6 - Open Gym**

It is permissible for students to be involved in NSAA activities of a school’s open gymnasium program during the “school year, out-of-season” period under the following conditions:

- A) The gym is open for all individuals and all activities.
- B) Schools may not designate sport specific times.
- C) Coaching or instruction is not provided.
- D) School employees who are present shall restrict their duties to supervision of the facility.
- E) Open gym shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend open gym as a condition for membership or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

### **3.2.7 - Camps & Clinics Definitions**

**Camp Definition:** Camps include planned physical participation that is of a competitive nature where actual games are played or simulated by camp attendees. Participation shall mean physically taking part in the sport activity in which instruction is offered in the camp or school.

**Clinic Definition:** A clinic includes planned activities of instruction or demonstration directly related to the teaching of individual skills. There shall be no competition between athletes who are in attendance.

#### **3.2.7.1 - “School-Year, Out-of-Season” Camps & Clinics**

Athletes and coaches may attend professional or commercial sports camps/clinics sponsored by non-member high schools. During the “school-year, out-of-season” period, the organized practice rule for the sport in which instruction is being given shall apply. No more than the limit permitted for organized practice may attend and receive instruction. Attendance to “school-year, out-of-season” clinics shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend a clinic as a condition for membership on the high school team or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

#### **APPROVED RULING 3.2.7 and 3.2.7.1**

*The athlete and/or his/her parents shall pay the fees and expenses for attendance to such camps or schools. The school, booster clubs, individuals and/or other organizations shall not provide expenses, or support for individuals participating in clinics. Team fundraisers may be used to finance summer league and camp/clinic activities. The school may provide transportation for individuals participating in camps/clinics with prior approval from the district’s Board of Education.*

#### **3.2.8 - Summertime Participation**

“Summertime” shall be defined as the Tuesday following Memorial Day to July 31. During the “summertime” there shall be no restrictions on the amount of contact between students and high school coaches. Attendance shall be voluntary, and coaches/school representative may not directly or by implication require a student to attend “summertime” activities as a condition for membership on a high school team or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program.

#### **APPROVED RULING 3.2.8**

*From August 1 through the official start of fall practices, the following shall apply:*

- 1) The organized practice rule shall be in effect;*
- 2) Conditioning programs may be held;*
- 3) Attendance at commercial camps and clinics is permissible, but the organized practice rules shall be in effect for such camps and clinics; and*
- 4) No school-sponsored clinics or camps may be held*

**3.2.8.1 - NSAA Catastrophic Insurance** does not cover coaches/students/schools during the summertime period.

#### **3.2.8.2 - Summertime School-Sponsored Camps/Clinics**

A school may organize a camp or clinic in any sport from the Tuesday following Memorial Day through July 31. The camp shall be limited to no more than ten days starting with the first date of the camp/clinic.

#### **3.2.8.3 - Summertime Conditioning Program**

A member school may organize and supervise a summer conditioning program to include weightlifting, running, and exercising. Conditioning sessions shall be no longer than 75 minutes in length per day or no more than 5 hours per week, and no student shall participate in more than one such session per day.

#### **APPROVED RULING 3.2.8.3**

*Conditioning sessions organized and run by members of the school’s coaching staff are subject the 75-minute limitation. Students, for example, who work out on their own at the school facility in weightlifting, general calisthenics, running, or agility-type exercises shall not be considered to be involved in an organized conditioning program.*

#### **3.2.8.4 - Summertime Open Gym/Facilities**

It is permissible for students to be involved in NSAA activities of a school’s open training program during the summertime. Permitting the participation by non-high school students (graduates, adults, or individuals not a member of the school) shall be determined by the district’s Board of Education policy.

#### **3.2.8.5 - Summertime Regulations for Athletes and Coaches**

From the Tuesday following Memorial Day or final day of school (whichever is later) until July 31, there shall be no restrictions on the contact between students and high school coaches.

### **3.2.8.6 - Summertime Leagues/Competitions**

High school coaches are permitted to coach students from their school in summer league competition and games, provided there is no direct support from the school.

### **3.2.8.7 - Summertime Use of School Facilities**

Member schools may permit the use of their facilities in accordance with the district's Board of Education policy.

### **3.2.8.8 - Summertime Use of School Equipment**

Member schools may permit the use of school equipment, other than school-issued game uniforms in accordance with the district's Board of Education policy.

### **3.2.9 - Summertime College/Professional/Commercial Team Sport Camps/Clinics**

High school coaches are permitted to accompany students from their school to college, professional, or commercial sports specialized team camps/clinics during the summer.

### **3.2.10 - Summertime Individual Commercial Camps/Clinics**

During the summer, students may attend any individual skill/technique camps or clinics.

### **3.3.2 – Scrimmage**

Prior to the first contest date for the fall season, only intra-squad matches or scrimmages are permitted. After the first contest date for fall sports, a school may have inter- or intra-squad matches and scrimmages.

*Note: Any inter-squad scrimmage shall count as one of the 30 allowed competition points.*

*Note: Alumni matches/scrimmages or matches/scrimmages with non-high school teams are not allowed.*

### **APPROVED RULING 3.3.7 - Eligibility for Sub-District/District/State Competition**

- A) *In all athletic activities, teams wishing to enter a sub-district, district, or state contest shall have participated in a minimum of five interschool varsity contests prior to the sub-district, district, or state contest.*
- B) *In order to participate in a sub-district, district or state tournament, a student is required to have been a member of the school's team for at least twenty school days prior to the first day of the sub-district, district, or state tournament.*
- C) *To be eligible to participate in a sub-district, district and/or state contest, a student shall have been a member of a school's team and shall have been "available to participate" in at least thirty percent (30%) of the school's scheduled interschool contests.*
  - 1) *Exceptions to the requirements for a student who has not been available to participate in at least (30%) of the school's varsity interschool contests would be considered if an individual was unable to participate because of illness, injury, transfer from another high school, or if weather conditions forced a cancellation of scheduled contests.*
  - 2) *When determining whether a student has been available for (30%) of the school's varsity interschool contests, one would divide the number of varsity interschool contests for which the student was available by the school's total number of varsity interschool contests; all decimals .1 or above would be rounded up to the next higher whole number.*
  - 3) *The term "available to participate" means that the student was a bona fide member of the team eligible to participate for the school at some level of competition in the sport and is not suspended from participation in activities by virtue of NSAA rules.*
- D) *For situations pertaining to eligibility to participate in district or state contests that are not specifically addressed by these guidelines, the Executive Director shall have the authority to waive membership and participation requirements on a case-by-case basis.*
- E) *If a school takes its team off the playing field prior to the completion of a contest or prior to the suspension or termination of a game by the game officials, and the contest is forfeited because of the refusal of the school's team to continue play, the school shall be subject to a penalty set by the Board of Directors. The penalty may be the exclusion from participation in sub-district, district, playoffs, or state contests.*

*Note: If a match between two Nebraska schools is not completed (i.e. deciding set in best of 3 is not played to 25 points), it shall be considered an incomplete match and no wildcard points will be awarded.*

### **3.3.7.2 - State Championship Travel**

The Executive Director is granted the authority to require schools to alter travel plans to arrive the day prior to the scheduled state contest if weather conditions so warrant.



### 3.3.8 – Out-of-State Contests

Members of the NSAA may compete with schools outside the state, provided the out-of-state school is a member in good standing in its own state association.

*Note: Refer to Section 1.8.5 for procedure to follow when competing in interstate competition.*

### 3.5.1 - Outside Participation

Any student who participates in an athletic contest other than as a representative of her high school during the volleyball season shall become ineligible to represent her school in volleyball for one or more matches or the remainder of the season.

*Note: This rule applies to club volleyball, church league matches, independent matches, sand volleyball tournaments and matches where contestants are selected at random, etc.*

### 3.5.2 – Individual Instruction

During the volleyball season, a student is permitted to take individualized instruction from a person other than the high school coach. Individualized instruction shall not take the place of the high school practice. Group instruction, practices with outside teams, and tryouts for outside teams other than as a part of a college or university-recruiting visit, however, are not permitted.

### 3.7.1 – Amateur Rule

A student shall be an amateur in all sports sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association. A student may be declared ineligible if he/she:

- A) Accepts merchandise, compensation of any nature, or illegal awards for competing in Association-sponsored activities.
- B) Enters into any agreement or contract to compete in professional sports.
- C) Permits, with or without actual endorsement, the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial or profit-making event, item, plan, or service (this does not prevent a student's picture or name from being included in programs); or,
- D) Receives merchandise or compensation of any nature for coaching any NSAA approved sport during the season of the sport in his/her school.

### APPROVED RULINGS AND INTERPRETATIONS FOR 3.7.1, C – Name, Image & Likeness (NIL)

Under Bylaw 3.7.1.c, the term “with or without actual endorsement” requires that the student or the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) have knowledge that the student’s name, picture, and/or personal appearance are being used by another person or entity.

*Note: For commonly asked NIL Questions, [view these NIL Q&A’s](#).*

### 3.11.11.3 – Contest & Student Limitations

No team representing a member school may participate in more than **5 tournaments** that have a competition point value of three or more, which includes the conference tournament. No team may exceed **30 competition points** prior to the district and state tournaments. Competition points are assigned according to the following chart.

Competition Type	Competition Points
Dual Match	1 Point
Triangular	2 Points
Double Triangular	2 Points
Three-Team Dual/Triangular	1 or 2 Points
Four-Team, One-Day Tournament (Two Match Maximum)	2 Points
Four-Team, Round Robin Tournament	3 Points
One-Day Tournament (More Than Four Teams)	3 Points
Two OR Three Day Tournament	4 Points

*Note: The 30-competition point limits pertain to **each level** of competition at which a school may sponsor a team.*



**Triangular Definition:** A **triangular** volleyball match, three schools playing two contests or playing two other schools in one session (night), counts as only one match.

**Three-Team Dual/Triangular:** The NSAA shall permit a **dual/triangular**, in which there are three teams present and two teams play one game and one team plays two games. The dual triangular must take place in one evening/session. The schedule shall be pre-determined as to which of the three teams will comprise the dual and the triangular. The dual/triangular format in which each of the schools participates in one or two pre-determined matches shall count as one match.

**Double Triangular:** The NSAA shall permit a **double triangular** in which there are four teams present and each team would play two of the other teams present in a triangular format. The double-triangular must take place in one evening/session. The schedule shall be pre-determined by the host as to which of the four teams will comprise each triangular. The double-triangular format in which each of the schools participates in two pre-determined matches shall count as one match and two competition points.

**Tournament Definition.** A **tournament** is defined as a contest involving four or more teams in which the winner continues to advance and compete until a single winner is determined or through round-robin competition. A team is required to have a 30-minute rest period only between the second and third matches of a tournament. The 30 minutes includes the warm-up period before the third match. By mutual agreement of the competing schools, the 30-minute rest period can be modified. Rest period between third and fourth match is not required.

*Note: A school that violates the team match limitation may be disqualified from district and state tournament competition or subject to penalties as defined in Bylaw 2.11.*

**Student Limitations** - No student shall take part in more than six volleyball matches per week, excluding tournament competition. The matches-per-week limitation does not apply to postponed contests.

No student shall take part in more than four volleyball matches per day in tournament competition. If more than one tournament is scheduled at the same time, the student may only participate in one such tournament.

In all other competition, no student may participate in more than two matches per day.

Any participation during a set of any match counts as participation in that match.

A school that violates the student limitations shall be assessed a point/loss of rally and the student shall be removed from the set. The match shall then continue.

If it is noticed by the scorer or brought to the scorer's attention that a student has violated the student limitation rule, the scorer shall notify the officials who then shall verify the violation and assess the penalty.

#### **3.11.11.4**

In Class D1 and D2, a school may permit 7th and 8th grade student managers to practice with high school teams. A student manager is defined as a 7th or 8th grade student in good academic standing who carries out duties for their high school team on a daily basis. These individuals will need to have an pre-participation physical, an NSAA Student & Parent Consent Form and be entered on the school's eligibility list.

#### **APPROVED RULING 3.11.1 – 3.11.13 (All Athletics)**

*During the volleyball season, a school shall not permit a male student, an adult, a college student, or alumni to participate in any practice session, drill, scrimmage, or match in which a school team is involved. This does not prevent a coach from being involved for the primary purposes of teaching and demonstrating skills, methods, or techniques.*

**For a complete listing of NSAA Bylaws and Approved Rulings, please refer to the [NSAA Constitution & Bylaws](#).**

# REGULAR SEASON

## Classification of Schools

- 1) Schools shall be divided into six classes for volleyball competition.
- 2) This classification is based on grades 9-11 enrollment from September of the year which immediately precedes the classification period. Class A will be classified based on a total enrollment of 850 and above. Class B, C1, C2, D1 & D2 will be classified using girl only enrollment.
  - A) **The top 65 largest schools (based on girls enrollment) registered for volleyball shall be in Classes A & B.** Schools with a combined enrollment of 850 and above will be placed in Class A. The remaining schools will be placed in Class B.
  - B) The remaining schools registered for volleyball are split evenly into four classes; C1, C2, D1, D2, with any additional school(s) being placed in the lower class.
- 3) Classifications will be done on a yearly basis, except for Class A, which is classified for a two-year period. **2024 is the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the two-year Class A classification period. No schools will be added or removed to Class A during this period, regardless of enrollment in the subsequent year.**
- 4) If schools are tied in enrollment for the last position or positions of a class, the following tie-breaker will be applied:
  - A) The three-year average of enrollment, which includes the year on which the current year's classification is based and the two previous years. The higher three-year average will be in the larger class.
  - B) If the tie still exists, then the school with the higher immediate previous year's enrollment will be placed in the larger class.
  - C) If a tie still exists, it will be decided by a coin flip in the NSAA office.
- 5) Opting Up – a school may opt up one classification. The deadline for submitting a request to the NSAA is one week from when classifications are released. No team will move up to fill the void made by a school opting up.

## Varsity Schedules

All varsity schedules must be submitted on the NSAA website by **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. After the season begins, there will be NO additions. Cancellations or postponements due to weather must be emailed or called into the NSAA office. All scheduled and postponed regular season varsity contests must be played prior to the start of Sub-District, District, District Final and State competition. Once Sub-District, District, District Final and State competition begins, no regular varsity contests shall be permitted.

## Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame Jamboree

Each school is permitted to participate in one Jamboree event during Weeks 7 & 8 (August 19-24; 26-27). 9. Do **NOT** enter the Hall of Fame game on your NSAA regular season schedule. [Full Jamboree information is posted on the NSAA website.](#)

## Varsity Matches

Regular season in-state duals, triangulars, and tournaments shall consist of either the best three-out-of-five set format or the best two-out-of-three set format as mutually agreed upon by the participating schools and stipulated on a written contract.

- A) 3-out-of-5
  - 1) All sets played to 25 points
  - 2) Deciding set played to 15 points
  - 3) No cap
- B) 2-out-of-3
  - 1) All sets, including the deciding, played to 25 points
  - 2) No cap

Sub-district/district/district final/state format shall consist of the best three-out-of-five set format.

## Reporting of Scores and Game Results

1. All Varsity match scores and stats are to be reported to MaxPreps.com.
2. Detailed instructions on how to submit scores/stats to MaxPreps.com will be sent to each member school.
3. Both schools involved in the contest are encouraged to verify the final score as well as submit statistics.
4. NSAA Member schools that compete against out-of-state schools are required to submit match results.

### **Out-of-State Contests**

Nebraska teams will be allowed to play sets to 21 if that is a rule that governs play in that state. In a best-of-3 match, the third set may be played to 15 points if permitted by that state. When a Nebraska team plays in an out-of-state tournament, the Nebraska school may play up to five matches in one day if that state permits it.

### **Varsity Rosters**

No more than 14 athletes can be listed on the roster for sub-districts, districts, district finals and state. Regular season contests are excluded from this limitation.

### **Multiple Head Coaches**

When teams have multiple head coaches, only one head coach is permitted to stand during the match, this must be designated at the pre-match conference.

### **Matches Not Permitted During the State Championship**

No volleyball matches in any class, other than the state championship matches, are permitted during the dates of **November 6, 7, 8 and 9**. This includes regular season matches, non-varsity tournaments, and conference tournaments or playoffs.

### **Non-Varsity Uniforms**

The uniforms worn by non-varsity teams do not have to be identical. They must have permanent numbers, but duplicate numbers can be on the roster. Duplicate numbers cannot be worn by participants simultaneously during the match.

### **Non-Varsity Matches**

Modification of match format is permitted for matches below the varsity level as mutually agreed by the schools.

### **Official Rules**

National Federation Volleyball Rules shall govern all competition.

### **Officials**

NFHS Rule 5-1-1, all officials including scorer, libero tracker, timer and line judges are to be secured by the host school.

### **Line Judges**

Line judges are required to use flags. Line Judges shall be fair and impartial. Line judges shall avoid wearing any attire that makes reference to a school or team. It is preferred that line judges wear white shirts and black pants.

*Note: the flags should be red in color and of a recommended size of approximately 12 inches by 12 inches to approximately 16 inches by 16 inches. The flag and hand grip should be securely affixed to the pole.*

### **Videotaping and Filming**

- 1) A school may videotape or film the match(es) in which its team plays.
- 2) Prior permission should be received from the host school.
- 3) Videotaping or filming a match, in which the recording school is not playing, is not permitted.

### **Warm-up**

There shall be a minimum of 16-minutes warm-up for all interschool matches. The warm-up period shall be divided as follows for district and state competition:

- 5 minutes - Both teams on their sides of the court
- 5 minutes - Home team both sides of the court (to include serving)
- 5 minutes - Visiting team both sides of the court (to include serving)
- 1 minute - Teams at respective benches and on the endline ready for play by the conclusion of the final minute

For varsity regular season tournament play warm-ups may be 11-minutes divided as follows:

- 2 minutes - Both teams on their sides of the court.
- 4 minutes - Home team both sides of the court (to include serving)
- 4 minutes - Visiting team both sides of the court (to include serving)
- 1 minute - Teams at respective benches and by conclusion of the final minute on the end line ready for play

During the final minute of the warm-up, teams must return to their respective benches. By the conclusion of the final minute, the players who will be introduced (if doing player introductions) must be on the end line. After player introductions/National Anthem, the R1 will whistle for the teams to shake hands at the net. Then the starting players must immediately take their positions on the court for line-up checks, and the non-starters shall return to the team bench.

When a team is allowed both sides of the court, it may practice any skill including serving. While the team is allowed both sides of the court, the other team **must be completely off of the 30' x 60' playing court, and the playable area adjacent to the playing court.**

It is not automatically within the authority/duties of the referee to dictate the warm-up schedule. If the match officials are to direct warm-ups, meet management should make prior arrangements with the officials.

It shall be the official timer's responsibility to notify each team when it is time to change drills.

Non-varsity warm-up shall be as listed unless the schools mutually agree to other arrangements.

### **Team Benches**

Per NFHS allowances and a state association adoption, teams will remain on one designated side of the court and occupy the same team bench throughout the match.

### **Wildcard System**

All matches played by a school's varsity team regardless of the location of the opposing school will count toward the competition point limit in volleyball. All contests played against the varsity teams of schools located within Nebraska and against the varsity teams of schools located in other states will be used to determine the wildcard point average.

Wildcard point averages will be used to seed sub-districts, districts, district finals and the state championships. District Final seeding will be completed once all of the sub-districts and districts are completed.

Results of matches will be used to:

- 1) Calculate wildcard point averages (total number of points divided by the number of contests played)
- 2) To determine the win and loss record for designating a team as a first, second, third, or fourth division team.

The following point evaluation scale will be used to determine a team's total points:

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Division Team</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Division Team</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Division Team</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Division Team</b>
Victory Over	50 Points	47 Points	44 Points	41 Points
Loss To	39 Points	36 Points	33 Points	30 Points

- A 1<sup>st</sup> division team is a team which has won at least 75% of its matches played.  
(Ex: 20-0, 19-1, 18-2, 17-3, 16-4, 15-5)
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> division team is a team which has won at least 50% but less than 75% of its matches played.  
(Ex: 14-6, 13-7, 12-8, 11-9, 10-10)
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> division team is a team which has won at least 25% but less than 50% of its matches played.  
(Ex: 9-11, 8-12, 7-13, 6-14, 5-15.)
- A 4<sup>th</sup> division team is a team which has won less than 25% of its matches played.  
(Ex: 4-16, 3-17, 2-18, 1-19, 0-20.)

- 1) No points are deducted for playing teams which are classified below your classification.
- 2) Class A schools will be awarded 2 bonus points when competing against other Class A schools.
- 3) In competition with schools one classification above yours, 2 bonus points will be awarded.
- 4) In competition with schools two classifications above yours, 3 bonus points will be awarded.
- 5) In competition with schools three classifications above yours, 4 bonus points will be awarded.
- 6) In competition with schools four classifications above yours, 5 bonus points will be awarded.

- 7) FORFEITS: Teams shall receive wildcard points for forfeited losses if the forfeit was due to extenuating circumstances between the two schools. Schools that are required to forfeit a game or games by the Executive Director or the Board of Directors shall count such contests as one of the permissible contests under the contest limitations for that sport. Such mandated forfeitures shall count as loss wildcard points.
- 8) FORFEITS: When a school's varsity team is unable to complete the season, those remaining teams on that school's regular season schedule may either:
- A) Receive forfeit wins for those scheduled contests and shall be awarded wildcard points for those forfeit wins. Wildcard points will be determined by the forfeiting team's record at the time of seeding for post-season competition. If a team declares to participate in the postseason and does not participate, forfeit wins will be issued to their opponents for those postseason contests.
  - OR
  - B) If more than seven days remain before any level of postseason seeding is to take place in that sport, a school may replace the forfeited contest on their schedule with another opponent/contest. Replacements that may be added to the schedule are limited to either teams similarly affected by the forfeiting team, or, teams that have an unfilled, allowable contest opening on their schedule. Replacement contests must be scheduled a minimum of seven days in advance of any postseason seeding and will count towards postseason/wildcard seeding.
- 9) If a tie exists for a seed in any class, the following procedure will be used to break the tie.
- A) If only two teams have identical point averages and are tied and the teams have played each other, the team that won the contest or the majority of contests between the two teams in question wins the tiebreaker.
  - B) In Class A if the two teams have not played each other or if more than two teams are tied, step C will be used to determine which team qualifies for the state tournament. In Classes B/C1/C2/D1/D2 if the two teams have not played each other or if more than two teams are tied, step D will be used to determine the seed.
  - C) In Class A if a tie still exists, or if more than two teams are tied, the team or teams playing the greatest number of first division teams in their classification will be selected. If two teams are still tied, step (a) will apply before going to step (e).
  - D) In Classes B/C1/C2/D1/D2 if two or more teams have identical point averages and are tied, the team or teams playing the greatest number of first division teams will be selected. If two teams are still tied, step (a) will apply before going to step (e).
  - E) If a tie still exists, the team's opponents' wins and losses will be totaled and the winning percentages calculated. The team whose opponents have the highest percentage based on this calculation wins the tiebreaker.
  - F) If a tie still exists, the winner will be decided by a coin flip in the NSAA office.
- 10) Schools must report out-of-state win-loss records to the NSAA. Win-loss records not reported to the NSAA will be recorded as a fourth-division team until such information is provided.
- 11) When determining the classification of an out-of-state school for wildcard purposes, if the school's three-grade enrollment is less than the lowest enrollment in a particular class, the out-of-state school shall be classified in the immediate lower class. The enrollment of Nebraska schools opting-up to play in a higher class will not be considered when comparing out-of-state schools for classification purposes.
- A) If two or more schools are tied for the final place in a particular class, the tie is broken by using the schools' three-year average enrollment for the most recent three years. When determining the classification of an out-of-state school for wildcard purposes, if the out-of-state school's three-grade enrollment is identical to the enrollments shared by schools in two different classes, the out-of-state school shall be placed in the higher class.
- 12) Out-of-state win-loss records will be included thru the following dates for seeding purposes:
- A) Sub-district/district seeding: **October 22, 2024**
  - B) District Final seeding: **October 29, 2024**
  - C) State Championship seeding: **November 1, 2024**

## SUB-DISTRICT AND DISTRICT INFORMATION

**Sub-District and District Assignments.** Schools are assigned to sub-districts and districts in the manner given below.

- 1) **Class A** - Schools will be divided into seven districts. All of the seven districts will be determined using a serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wildcard point system within one week prior to the first district competition. The highest seeded volleyball team in each Class A district shall host that particular district. The seven district winners will automatically advance to the state championship. One additional team will also qualify on the basis of the wildcard team selection procedure.

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
29	30	31	32	33	34	35

### Class A District Hosts - 5 Team Districts

- Oct. 28 - #4 seed will host #5 seed
- Oct. 29 - #1 seed will host winner of #4 v. #5
- Oct. 29 - #2 seed will host #3 seed
- Oct. 30 - Highest remaining seed hosts

### Class A District Hosts - 4 Team Districts

- Oct. 29 - #1 seed will host #4 seed
- Oct. 29 - #2 seed will host #3 seed
- Oct. 30 - Highest remaining seed hosts

- 2) **Class B** - Schools are divided into eight sub-districts. The schools are assigned to sub-districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction is used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. The highest seeded team will host each sub-district. **If a sub-district in Class B has 3 teams, it will take place on Tuesday, October 29.**

- A) The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final.
- B) The eight non-sub-district winners with the highest wildcard point averages will qualify for the district final.
- C) The 16 teams qualifying for the district final will be placed on a 16-team bracket based on wildcard point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final match. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championships.

- 3) **Classes C1 & C2** - Schools are divided into 4 regions, based on geography. The westernmost region will consist of one sub-district of five or six teams. The other three regions will consist of 15-18 teams. Those three regions will then serpentine into three sub-districts of 4-6 teams, based on wildcard points. The highest seeded team will host the sub-district.

- A) The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final.
- B) The six non-sub-district winners with the highest wildcard point averages will qualify for the district final.
- C) The 16 teams qualifying for the district final will be placed on a 16-team bracket based on wildcard point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final match. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championship.

- 4) **Classes D1 & D2** - Schools are divided into 12 sub-districts. The schools are assigned to sub-districts on a geographical basis starting with the schools in western Nebraska and working east. North to south direction is used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. The highest seeded team will host the sub-district.

- A) The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final.
- B) The four non-sub-district winners with the highest wildcard point averages will qualify for the district final.
- C) The 16 teams qualifying for the district final will be placed on a 16-team bracket based on wildcard point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final match unless the two schools are 180+ miles apart, then a neutral site will be used. If the higher seed cannot host, the two schools will agree upon a site for the district final. If the two schools involved cannot agree; the NSAA office will select the site. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championship.

- 5) If a school decides not to compete after district assignments are made, no change will be made in district assignments. If two or more schools decide not to compete, two or more schools close, or consolidate, the districts may be adjusted to restore a near-equal number of schools or to take advantage of a reduction in travel distance.

## **District Director's Responsibilities**

The director of the tournament is granted full authority for the conduct and management of the tournament and is responsible for the administration of rules, regulations and accounting of all finances.

### **1) Seedings and Pairings**

- A) The NSAA is responsible for the seedings and pairings of teams assigned to the sub-district or district. The district director shall provide the NSAA with match times. The NSAA will make the pairings on the date established and post the pairings on the NSAA website.
- B) A varsity team from a school may play a junior varsity team of any classification and must count that match toward the total number of permitted contests, but may not count such match toward sub-district, district, district final and state competition seeding.
- C) District competition shall be seeded based on wildcard point averages. The most recent point average computed on the seeding date set prior to the first contest of the district tournament shall be the points used. The records of all schools available to the NSAA on the date of the seeding shall be used to calculate wildcard averages, even if an error on the record is discovered after the fact or the NSAA imposes a forfeit.
  - I. If two teams are tied with identical point averages and have played each other, the results of the competition between these schools will be considered and the team winning the majority of contests between the two teams tied will be given the higher seed.
  - II. In Class A, if a tie still exists, or if more than two teams are tied, the team or teams playing the greatest number of first division teams in their classification will be selected. If two teams are still tied, criteria (I) will apply before going to step (IV).
  - III. In Classes B/C1/C2/D1/D2, if a tie still exists, or if more than two teams are tied, the team or teams playing the greatest number of first division teams will be selected. If two teams are still tied, criteria (I) will apply before going to step (IV).
  - IV. If the tie still exists, total the sum of the tied teams' opponents' wins and losses. The team whose opponents have the higher winning percentage will receive the higher seed. If two teams remain tied, criteria (I) will apply before going to step (IV).
  - V. If a tie still exists, the higher seed will be decided by a coin flip in the NSAA office.

### **2) Brackets**

- A) A three-team sub-district/district will be scheduled on one day.
- B) A four-team sub-district/district will be scheduled on two days.
  - Day 1: Match 1 – Seed 1# vs Seed #4; Match 2 – Seed #3 vs Seed #2
  - Day 2: Match 3 – Championship
- C) A five-team sub-district/district will be scheduled on two days.
  - Day 1: Match 1 – Seed #4 vs Seed #5; Match 2 – Seed #3 vs Seed #2; Match 3 – Seed #1 vs winner #4 vs #5
  - Day 2: Match 4 – Championship
- D) A six-team sub-district/district will be scheduled on three days.
  - Day 1: Match 1 – Seed #4 vs. Seed #5; Match 2 – Seed #3 vs. Seed #6
  - Day 2: Match 3 – Seed #1 vs. winner of #4 vs #5; Match 4 – Seed #2 vs. winner of #3 vs. #6
  - Day 3: Match 5 – Championship

*Note: A request for a modification of the above format must be approved through the NSAA Office with all participating schools agreeing. At any point in which a team would be confronted with playing matches back-to-back, a 30-minute break shall be implemented into the schedule.*



### 3) **Financial Report Form**

- A) The financial report should be completed immediately following the close of the tournament. The financial report is provided in an electronic format for sub-district, district and district final directors. You will need to go to the NSAA homepage and Login. Towards the bottom of the Login page for your school, under Time Sensitive Forms, click on Financial Form. Click on the appropriate volleyball form representative of the district you have hosted.
- B) Enter the following information: gross receipts; approximate attendance; cost of officials' fees; cost of officials' mileage; and one-way mileage of each competing school. Click calculate.
- C) The electronic financial form will compute all of the calculations for the Director. Once calculations are completed, approval will be granted and the form will show how much should be paid to each competing school and how much should be paid to the NSAA. Click submit. The Director should mail checks along with a copy of the electronic financial form to the NSAA and all competing schools immediately following the close of the tournament.
- D) Sub-District, District, and District Final contests are considered NSAA activities. Student admission waivers under the Student Fees statutes will not be permitted.

### **Division of Gate Receipts**

In sub-districts and Class A districts the division of gate receipts shall be as follows:

- 1) Match officials.
- 2) Host school's allowance.
- 3) 10% of gross receipts to NSAA for catastrophic insurance.
- 4) 25% gross receipts to host school.
- 5) 25% gross receipts to NSAA.
- 6) Team expenses, mileage allowance only.
- 7) Balance for bonus.
  - A) If the tournament site is the home floor of, or a site rented by a participating school, then the host school shall receive a per-match share of the bonus equal to the per-match share received by each participating school. The bonus shall be divided as follows:
    - I. 10% NSAA.
    - II. 90% participating schools.
  - B) If the host school is not a participating school, the bonus shall be divided as follows:
    - I. 15% host.
    - II. 10% NSAA.
    - III. 75% participating schools.
- 8) The host school allowance shall be \$25 per participating school in the tournament. (Ex. 4 Teams = \$100)
- 9) Team expenses are for mileage only and shall be \$1.70 per mile per trip one way.
- 10) If the schools participating in a district tournament wish to have a dinner meeting, conference call, or other special meetings for planning the tournament, the expenses of these special meetings must come from each school's share of the bonus.
  - A) If there is no bonus, each school may be assessed a proportional part of the expenses.
  - B) These expenses may not be listed as tournament expenses.

When a school accepts the invitation to host a tournament, there is a possibility that tournament expenses will exceed revenue. An understanding should be reached that the competing schools may be assessed a certain fee to offset a potential deficit due to insufficient tournament receipts.

### **Admission**

Admission prices for sub-district volleyball shall be \$6.00 for adults per session and \$5.00 for students per session.

### **Complimentary Passes**

- 1) The host school shall provide complimentary passes to the competing schools.
- 2) Admittance for players, student managers, and coaches shall not exceed 22.
- 3) Extra passes for administrative and supervisory personnel from each school shall be as follows:
  - A) Class A - 10 passes
  - B) Class B - 8 passes
  - C) Classes C1/C2/D1/D2 - 6 passes

### **Three-Color Tournament Volleyball**

The tournament ball shall be a Baden three-color (navy/gray/white) VX5EC-213A.

### **Determination of Home Teams**

In all championships, the highest seeded team shall be considered the home team.

### **Inclement Weather**

- 1) Snowstorms or other inclement weather may force the postponement of a sub-district or district contest.
- 2) In determining whether to postpone or to hold the contest(s) as scheduled, the director should consider the following factors:
  - A) The weather and road conditions at the site of the contest.
  - B) Existing weather and road conditions at the location of the schools, which are to compete that day.
  - C) Road conditions between tournament site and the competing schools.
  - D) The weather conditions immediately prior to, during, and following the contest, as reported by the National Weather Service.
- 3) If after considering the various factors, the tournament director determines that competition is to go on as scheduled, all schools are to be notified early enough so as to allow each team sufficient time to travel to the contest site.
- 4) Once the decision has been made to hold the event as scheduled and any team has begun to travel, the contest(s) shall be played.
- 5) If the tournament director feels a postponement is necessary, he/she shall get permission from the Executive Director before postponing the day's activities.
- 6) Once the tournament has been postponed, the director shall be responsible for setting the new time, date, and site, if necessary, for the continuation of the tournament.
- 7) The previously agreed upon schedule may have to be changed to allow the contest(s) to be completed by the required dates.
- 8) Neither tournament receipts nor funds from the NSAA are to be used to reimburse any school for additional expenses incurred because of a postponed contest.

### **Plaques and Awards**

- 1) No plaques will be awarded in Classes B/C1/C2/D1/D2 sub-districts.
- 2) In Class A districts, plaques will be awarded for the runner-up and championship teams.
- 3) In Classes B/C1/C2/D1/D2 district finals, plaques will be awarded to the runner-up and championship teams.
- 4) Plaques will be awarded to the wildcard qualifier in Class A.

### **Protests**

- 1) The NSAA will honor a protest based upon the eligibility of a player.
- 2) If the protest is allowed and a forfeit is necessary, the last match the team played will be forfeited.
- 3) Protests based on decisions of officials during a match will not be accepted.
- 4) The director has full authority to make final settlement of all protests not covered above.

### **Media – Credentials & Broadcasting**

- 1) All media operations (admission, access and accommodations) for Regular Season contests are at the discretion of the host school.
- 2) The NSAA Media Manual outlines policies for Media Credentials, Broadcast Policies and other specifics surrounding NSAA Postseason contests.
- 3) Postseason contests include: Districts, Sub-Districts, District Finals, and the State Championships.
- 4) The [NSAA Media Manual is posted on the NSAA website's Media Page](#).

*Note: Please visit the NSAA Media page and review the current Media Manual for additional information.*

### **Bands/Artificial Noisemakers – Support Items**

- 1) Bands are permitted during Sub-District, District, District Final and State contests.
- 2) Members MUST pay regular admission for Sub-District, District, District Final contests.
- 3) The use of artificial noisemakers is prohibited. Megaphones are to be used by cheerleaders only. Band instruments, including drums, are not to be played at any time other than when the entire band is playing. Bands should not be permitted to play except prior to the match, at intermissions and time-outs.
- 4) The use of recorded music that has been approved by the host administration may be played by a host school for warm-up provided that a band is not available to play during sub-district and district tournaments. Also permitted shall be the National Anthem or as accompaniment of an authorized student dance or cheer group.
- 5) Teams/Fans shall not throw items into the crowd. (i.e. sports balls, candy)
- 6) Balloons will not be allowed at NSAA sub-district, district, district final and state championships.

### **Cheerleaders and Drill Teams**

Due to potential liability in case of injury, stunts and pyramids by cheerleaders and lifts by dance teams during the sub-district, district, and state tournaments are prohibited unless the supervising coach/sponsor has successfully completed the AACCA Safety Course, a cheer risk management and safety course. If the coach/sponsor has successfully completed the AACCA Safety Course, stunts and lifts shall be allowed in accordance with NFHS Spirit Rules. The following restrictions shall be in effect at NSAA sub-district, district and state tournaments and events: stunts/lifts shall be limited to shoulder height or below; all vertical shoulder level stunts/lifts must have an additional spotter; all vertical shoulder level stunts/lifts must remain on two feet except during the mount or dismount of the stunt/lift; twisting mounts and dismounts are limited to ½ twist; and all cradle dismounts, tosses, and inversions are prohibited.

Complementary passes will be allotted for band members, cheer teams, and dance teams as indicated below. Tickets for members in excess of the allotted amount below must be purchased

<b>Bands</b>	<b>Cheerleaders</b>
Class A – 50	Class A – 16
Class B – 40	Class B – 14
Class C1 – 30	Class C1 – 10
Class C2 – 30	Class C2 – 10
Class D1 – 20	Class D1 – 8
Class D2 – 20	Class D2 – 8

### **Handicap Accessibility**

Facilities must provide reasonable accommodations for special needs.

### **Team Practice On The Tournament Floor**

Tournament directors should prohibit teams from practicing at tournament facilities between the time locations of tournaments are announced and the time the tournaments take place. (This provision would not pertain to a school that has been designated as a home site to host a district contest in which their school is to participate.)

- 1) This does not prohibit the continuation of scheduled matches.
- 2) A team is permitted on the tournament site floor prior to the scheduled warm-up time for its match for stretching and light ball handling.

### **Time Schedule**

- 1) The tournament director will set the time schedule for all tournaments.
- 2) Once the starting time of a match or session has been set, the time shall not be changed to an earlier time unless mutual consent is received from all schools involved in that contest, session, or round of competition.

### **Team Entries**

Entries are due Monday, October 21st. NSAA Entry forms are accessed and submitted online. The Athletic/Activities director will give the certified coach the login for this activity. Go to the NSAA website and click on “School Login”. Enter your login and go to “View/Edit your Form” to complete your entry form (detailed instructions can be obtained from the website). Upon completion, the form shall be submitted to the NSAA and emailed to the district director.

### **Tournament Officials and Fees**

- 1) The host school is responsible for line judges, a score keeper, a clock operator and a libero tracker.
  - A) Line Judges shall be fair and impartial.
  - B) Line judges shall avoid wearing any attire that makes reference to a school or team.
  - C) Directors shall resist using parents or individuals that are affiliated with competitors on the competing teams being represented.
- 2) The NSAA office will hire and write contracts for all officials.
  - A) The following fees have been established for all sub-district and district tournaments.
    - i. \$70 per match/per official.
    - ii. Mileage shall be paid at a rate of \$1.00 per mile one-way for one automobile, per set of officials. If a set of officials travels from different locations, mileage shall be paid to the official traveling the greater distance.
- 3) The sub-district/district director will pay the officials from the tournament receipts.

### **Tournament Roster**

- 1) A maximum of 14 eligible players may be listed on the tournament roster.
- 2) The tournament roster must be submitted online on the NSAA district entry form.
- 3) There shall be no substitution or addition to the tournament roster except for injury/illness.
- 4) In case of substitution, the substitute will remain on the roster for the remainder of the tournament.
- 5) The original player, once substituted for, may not be returned to the original roster during that tournament.
- 6) If a coach fails to submit a tournament roster, the 14 names entered in the official scorebook prior to the first match the team plays, shall be the tournament roster.
- 7) Substitution for the players whose names are entered in the official scorebook may be made in case of physician-verified injury/illness.
- 8) Teams may make changes to the original tournament roster, provided the students are eligible in all respects and the changes are made prior to the district final or first match in the state championship.

### **Withdrawal From the Tournament**

Teams, which withdraw from a sub-district, district, district final, or the state championship after pairings have been made, are subject to penalty by the Board of Directors unless the Executive Director, for sufficient cause, authorizes such withdrawal.

# DISTRICT FINALS INFORMATION

## **Date**

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Classes B, C1, C2, D1 & D2

## **Admission**

Admission prices for volleyball district finals shall be \$6.00 for adults per session and \$5.00 for students, per session.

## **Complimentary Passes**

- 1) The host school shall provide complimentary passes to the competing schools.
- 2) Admittance for players, student managers, and coaches shall not exceed 22.
- 3) Extra passes for administrative and supervisory personnel from each school shall be as follows:
  - A) Class B - 8 passes per school
  - B) Classes C1/C2/D1/D2 - 6 passes per school

## **Division of Gate Receipts**

1. Match Officials
2. Host school allowance--\$50.00
3. 10% of gross receipts to NSAA for catastrophic insurance
4. 25% gross receipts to host school
5. 25% gross receipts to NSAA
6. Visiting schools' expenses--mileage--\$1.70 per mile one-way
7. Bonus
  - a. 15% to host school
  - b. 10% to NSAA
  - c. 75% to participating schools

## **Class B District Final Pairings**

The eight sub-district winners qualify for the district final in addition to the eight non-sub district winners with the highest wildcard point averages. Those 16 teams will be placed on a 16-team bracket and seeded on wildcard point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final match. Match time shall be 7:00 p.m. for night matches, unless teams mutually agree to a different time. Other matches may be played during the afternoon with the approval of the NSAA Executive Director and the mutual agreement of the competing schools. However, if both schools do not agree on the afternoon match, it shall be played at 7:00 p.m. If the visiting team is required to travel 120 miles or more to the game site, the traveling team shall have the choice of playing the match in the afternoon or evening. Start time of afternoon matches will be 1:30 p.m., unless teams mutually agree to a different time. When two high schools located in the same city use the same facility for home volleyball matches, and both qualify for the volleyball district final and are designated home teams on the same date, one school shall play in the afternoon and the other during the evening. The afternoon match shall not begin prior to 1:30 p.m. and the evening match shall not begin after 8:00 p.m. These times may be adjusted for emergency situations. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championships. District Final seeding will be completed once all of the sub-districts and Class A districts are completed.

## **Class C1/C2/D1/D2 District Final Pairings**

In Classes C1 & C2, The 10 sub-district winners qualify for the district final in addition to the six non-sub district winners with the highest wildcard point averages. Those 16 teams will be placed on a 16-team bracket and seeded on wildcard point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final match. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championships. District Final seeding will be completed once all of the sub-districts and Class A districts are completed.

In Classes D1 & D2, the higher seeded team will host the district final match unless the two schools are 180+ miles apart then a neutral site will be used. If the higher seed cannot host, the two schools will agree upon a site for the district final. The winner of the district final match will advance to the state championships. District Final seeding will be completed once all of the sub-districts and Class A districts are completed.

- 1) The higher seeded team will be responsible for initiating plans for the district final match.
- 2) If the two schools can't agree on a location, the NSAA Office will select the site.
- 3) District finals may not be played at state tournament sites.
- 4) As soon as these decisions are made, the NSAA office shall be notified.

### **Class B, C1, C2, D1 & D2 District Final Pairings**

# 1 Seed vs. # 16 Seed
# 2 Seed vs. # 15 Seed
# 3 Seed vs. # 14 Seed
# 4 Seed vs. # 13 Seed
# 5 Seed vs. # 12 Seed
# 6 Seed vs. # 11 Seed
# 7 Seed vs. # 10 Seed
# 8 Seed vs. # 9 Seed

### **Plaques, Balls, Financial Forms, and State Tournament Report Forms**

The directors of the Class B/C1/C2/D1/D2 district final match will be sent the following:

- 1) Championship and Runner-up Plaques
- 2) Match Ball
- 3) Financial Form (digital via NSAA website)

### **Designated Home Team**

The higher seeded team shall be designated as the "home" team for the district final match.

### **Officials**

- 1) The host school is responsible for line judges, a score keeper, a clock operator and a libero tracker.
  - A) Line Judges shall be fair and impartial.
  - B) Line judges shall avoid wearing any attire that makes reference to a school or team.
  - C) Directors shall resist using parents or individuals that are affiliated with competitors on the competing teams being represented.
- 2) The NSAA office will hire and write contracts for all officials.
  - A) The following fees have been established for all sub-district and district tournaments:
    - i. \$70 per match/per official.
    - ii. Mileage shall be paid at a rate of \$1.00 per mile one-way for one vehicle, per set of officials. If a set of officials travels from different locations, mileage shall be paid to the official traveling the greater distance.
- 3) The district final director will pay the officials from the tournament receipts.

### **District Final Roster**

- 1) A maximum of 14 eligible players may be listed on the district final roster.
- 2) Teams may make changes to the original postseason roster, provided the students are eligible in all respects and the changes are made prior to the district final or first match in the state championship.

### **Handicap Accessibility**

Facilities must provide reasonable accommodations for special needs.

## **QUALIFYING FOR STATE**

### **Reporting**

Following the final match of each district tournament and district final match, the state qualifying school shall immediately update their state entry form via the NSAA AD login page.

### **Qualifying for State**

- 1) In Class A seven teams will qualify for the state championship by winning their respective district tournaments.
- 2) One additional team (wildcard qualifier) in Class A, which fails to qualify through district tournament competition, will be chosen to complete the eight-team tournament field. That team will be selected in the following manner:
  - A) Only varsity matches between varsity Nebraska teams and varsity teams from other states will be considered when calculating the wildcard point totals.
  - B) The results of all such matches played through the sub-district/district tournaments and the district final matches shall be used.
  - C) This includes regularly scheduled matches, tournament matches, sub-district/district matches, and district final matches.
  - D) The records of all schools available to the NSAA on the date of the seeding shall be used to calculate wildcard averages, even if an error on the record is discovered after the fact or the NSAA imposes a forfeit.
- 3) If a tie exists for the Class A wildcard qualifier, the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
  - A) If only two teams have identical point averages and are tied and the teams have played each other, the team that won the contest or the majority of contests between the two teams in question wins the tiebreaker.
  - B) If the two teams have not played each other or if more than two teams are tied, step C will be used to determine which team qualifies for the state tournament.
  - C) If a tie still exists, or if more than two teams are tied, the team or teams playing the greatest number of first division teams in their classification will be selected. If two teams are still tied, step (A) will apply before going to step (D).
  - D) If a tie still exists, the team's opponents' wins and losses will be totaled and the winning percentages calculated. The team whose opponents have the highest percentage based on this calculation wins the tiebreaker.
  - E) If a tie still exists, the winner will be decided by a coin flip in the NSAA office.
- 4) In Classes B/C1/C2/D1/D2 the eight district final winners will qualify for the state championship.

## **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION**

### **Date and Site**

The NSAA Volleyball State Championships will be held in Lincoln, Wednesday-Saturday, November 6-9.

### **Spectators' Tickets**

- 1) Individual session tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students.
- 2) All tickets must be purchased online. Specific ticket information will be available closer to the Championships.

### **Roster**

Teams qualifying for the state championships may make substitutions to their sub-district or district final roster provided:

- 1) The girls substituted are eligible in all respects.
- 2) The substitution is made prior to the team's first match of the championships.
- 3) Once the championships begin, there shall be no substitutions/additions to the roster except for sickness/injury.



### **Participants' Pass Gate**

Only players and coaches listed on the official team roster will be allowed access to the state championship site free of charge through the Team Pass Gate. Admittance for players, student managers, and coaches shall not exceed 22.

### **Reporting for First Contest**

- 1) Report to the floor manager at the site of your first match.
- 2) The coach is to notify the floor manager as to where the team is staying during the tournament.
- 3) You will be given two programs prior to your contest.

### **Bands/Artificial Noisemakers – Support Items**

- 1) Bands are permitted during Sub-District, District, District Final and State contests.
- 2) The use of artificial noisemakers is prohibited. Megaphones are to be used by cheerleaders only. Band instruments, including drums, are not to be played at any time other than when the entire band is playing. Bands should not be permitted to play except prior to the match, at intermissions and time-outs.
- 3) The use of recorded music that has been approved by the host administration may be played by a host school for warm-up provided that a band is not available to play at that time during sub-district and district tournaments. Also permitted shall be the National Anthem or as accompaniment of an authorized student dance or cheer group.
- 4) Teams/Fans shall not throw items into the crowd. (i.e.: sports balls, candy, etc.)
- 5) Balloons will not be allowed at NSAA sub-district, district, and state championships.

### **Cheerleaders and Drill Teams**

Due to potential liability in case of injury, stunts and pyramids by cheerleaders and lifts by dance teams during the sub-district, district, and state tournaments are prohibited unless the supervising coach/sponsor has successfully completed the AACCA Safety Course, a cheer risk management and safety course. If the coach/sponsor has successfully completed the AACCA Safety Course, stunts and lifts shall be allowed in accordance with NFHS Spirit Rules. The following restrictions shall be in effect at NSAA sub-district, district and state tournaments and events: stunts/lifts shall be limited to shoulder height or below; all vertical shoulder level stunts/lifts must have an additional spotter; all vertical shoulder level stunts/lifts must remain on two feet except during the mount or dismount of the stunt/lift; twisting mounts and dismounts are limited to ½ twist; and all cradle dismounts, tosses, and inversions are prohibited.

Complementary passes will be allotted for band members, cheer teams, and dance teams as indicated below. Tickets for members in excess of the allotted amount below must be purchased

<b>Bands</b>	<b>Cheerleaders</b>
Class A – 50	Class A – 16
Class B – 40	Class B – 14
Class C1 – 30	Class C1 – 10
Class C2 – 30	Class C2 – 10
Class D1 – 20	Class D1 – 8
Class D2 – 20	Class D2 – 8

### **Match Ball**

The official tournament ball the Baden three-color (navy/gray/white) VX5EC-213A.

### **Lodging**

Schools are responsible for their own lodging arrangements.

### **Officials**

Officials will be assigned to each match, including scorers, timers, libero trackers and line judges.

## **Pairings**

### 1) Seeding

- A) State competition shall be seeded based on wildcard point averages. The most recent point average computed through and including sub-district/district and district final competition shall be the points used. The records of all schools available to the NSAA on the date of the seeding shall be used to calculate wildcards averages, even though an error on the record may be discovered after the fact.
- B) A varsity team from a school may play a junior varsity team of any classification, but may not count such contest toward sub-district, district, district final and state competition seeding.
- C) The #1 seed will play #8 seed; No. 2 vs. 7; No. 3 vs. 6; and No. 4 vs. 5.
- D) If teams in the state tournament have identical wildcard point averages, the following tie-breaker will be used to determine seeding:
  - I. If two teams are tied with identical point averages and have played each other, the results of the competition between these schools will be considered and the team winning the majority of contests between the two teams tied will be given the higher seed.
  - II. If a tie still exists, or if more than two teams are tied, the team or teams playing the greatest number of first division teams will be selected. If two teams are still tied, criteria (I) will apply before going to criteria (III).
  - III. If the tie still exists, total the sum of the tied teams' opponents' wins and losses. The team whose opponents have the higher winning percentage will receive the higher seed. If two teams remain tied, criteria (I) will apply before going to criteria (IV).
  - IV. If a tie still exists, the higher seed will be decided by a coin flip in the NSAA office.

### 2) Seeds are placed on the bracket using the following procedure:

- A) Game 1 shall be the #1 seed vs. the #8 seed
- B) Game 2 shall be the #4 seed vs. the #5 seed
- C) Game 3 shall be the #2 seed vs. the #7 seed
- D) Game 4 shall be the #3 seed vs. the #6 seed
- E) The higher seed shall be considered the home team throughout the tournament

### 3) On Sunday morning prior to the state championship, the NSAA will confirm pairings for state.

## **Media - Radio, Television and Photography**

- 1) Webcasting or telecasting of postseason play including Sub-Districts, Districts, District Final, Playoffs and the State Championship on a live basis, is prohibited without the expressed permission of the Nebraska School Activities Association.
- 2) Audio and text-based broadcasts of postseason games shall be permitted, provided ample space is available for the broadcast crew(s) and appropriate application is made with the NSAA office.
- 3) Videotaping for delayed telecasting is permitted with NSAA written approval and must follow the NSAA tape-delayed broadcast policy.
- 4) Broadcasting, recording, photographing, videotaping, or televising of NSAA-sponsored events shall not be permitted for commercial purposes, or for other than personal use, except with the expressed permission of the Nebraska School Activities Association.

*Note: Please visit the [NSAA Media page](#) and review the current [Media Manual](#) for additional information.*

## **Reimbursements To Teams**

### **Mileage**

Mileage reimbursements will be based on the number of participants (qualifiers, number on roster) and one coach. (Note: Student Managers will not be included.) A school's mileage reimbursement will be figured using the following formula: (# of miles **one way** X # of trips) X appropriate amount listed below:

<b>Amount per Mile</b>	<b>Number of Participants/Coaches</b>
<b>\$0.85</b>	<b>1-6</b>
<b>\$1.70</b>	<b>7-12</b>
<b>\$2.55</b>	<b>13-18</b>
<b>\$3.40</b>	<b>19-24</b>
<b>\$4.25</b>	<b>25-30</b>
<b>\$5.10</b>	<b>31+</b>

### **Lodging**

If lodging is used, \$20 per participant and one coach will be paid based on the following criteria:

Night Before Competing:

- Before 10:00 AM - 76 + miles away
- Between 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM - 150+ miles away
- At or after 3:00 PM - 250+ miles away
- Night of (still competing in State Championships) - 76+ miles away
- Final Night (Day eliminated) - 5:00 PM or later - 200+ miles away

*Note: Times listed above are scheduled competition start times.*

### **Expected Behaviors at Awards Ceremonies**

It shall be the expectation that both teams shall accept their medals, plaques and trophies at sub-districts, districts and state contests in a sporting and willing manner. The executive director or the NSAA Board of Directors shall determine the type and severity of sanctions to schools that do not comply with these expectations.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Music Licenses.** Generally, music used for contests (warm-up, half-time, video production, cheer/dance etc.) needs to be licensed. Some music may be in public domain; however, most music is not and will require a license. This season, take the necessary time to verify your music is licensed through the proper entities. Visit [NFHSLearn.com](http://NFHSLearn.com) to view the video course: *Understanding Copyright and Compliance*.

### **NSAA Policy on Comments and Negative Actions Against Officials and Judges.**

The National Federation of State High School Associations has devised Code of Ethics guidelines for high school coaches. The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. The coach or sponsor shall respect and support contest officials and judges. The coach or sponsor shall not indulge in conduct that would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials, judges or players is unethical.

The Nebraska School Activities Association has embraced that Coaches Code of Ethics and has established policies and standards that will cultivate the ideals of good sportsmanship, professionalism and conduct. It shall be the responsibility of each member school to ensure that all individuals directly associated with the interscholastic program conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and professional manner.

The high school coach or director is a representative of the school at interscholastic activity events. It is the responsibility of all coaches and directors to serve as role models for students and the public.

It is the expectation that all coaches, directors, administrators and student participants shall refrain from negative criticism of NSAA member institutions, officials, adjudicators, judges, etc. in public statements before, during or after interscholastic events. The appropriate public response to media questions at all venues regarding officiating/judging is “per NSAA policy, I am unable to comment.” Any other response is a violation of this board policy and is subject to penalty.

It would be considered a violation of this NSAA policy to include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Making degrading and/or critical remarks about officials or adjudicators or the officiating or judging before, during or after an event either on or off-site, via social media, or through any public means.
- 2) Detaining the officials/adjudicators/judges during or following the event to request a ruling or explanation of actions or evaluation by the official(s)/adjudicator(s)/judges.
- 3) Entering the officials dressing area following the contest.

Negative actions by an individual directly associated with the program shall be reported to the NSAA office by the school and/or by the head contest official, adjudicator, judge, or manager. The school shall document the results of their investigation and actions taken, where necessary and appropriate. The NSAA Executive Director shall determine the appropriate penalties for violation of this board policy.

## **NSAA SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES AND EJECTIONS**

1. Enforcement of the “sit-out rule” for ejections from high school contests for unsportsmanlike conduct is a responsibility of the member school. Failure to properly enforce this rule could result in other sanctions by the NSAA.
2. Administrators will be expected to promptly file a report with the NSAA whenever a participant or coach from their school has been ejected from any high school contest. Such filing must be done online under the AD login section of the NSAA webpage.
3. A participant or coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next athletic contest at that level of competition and any other athletic contest at any level during the interim.
4. Enforcement of the “sit-out rule” is expected to begin immediately, regardless whether it is regular-season or tournament play.
5. Any participant ejected a second time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess.
6. Any participant ejected a third time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next three contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess.
7. During the time of their “sit-out” suspension, athletes who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may not suit up or participate, but it is the school’s discretion whether such athlete is able to travel with the team or sit on the team bench.
8. Coaches who are ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct may not coach in any contest or be present at the contest site during the time of their “sit-out” suspension. Coaches who are ejected will also be required to successfully complete the NFHS Teaching & Modeling Behavior online course within 10 days of the ejection. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in a suspension from coaching for the remainder of the season. In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play, the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Teaching & Modeling Behavior online course before being able to coach the following season or year.
9. Coaches who are ejected a second time in a season will be required to sit-out the next two contests at that level, plus all other contests at other levels during the interim. Coaches may not be present at the contest site during the time of their “sit-out” suspension. Any coach ejected a second time will also be required to successfully complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching online course within 10 days of the ejection. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in a suspension from coaching for the remainder of the season. In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play, the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching online course before being able to coach the following season or year.
10. If the ejection takes place in the final game of the season, the suspension will carry over to the following season.
11. When schools have students or coaches with multiple ejections, the school shall submit to the NSAA a written management plan on how they plan to remediate the problem.
12. Officials will be expected to file with the NSAA an ejection report for any ejection of a player or coach from a contest online. Any unusual situation that occurs prior to, during, or after a contest should also be reported.
13. Prompt reporting to the NSAA office by the official is necessary. Officials are asked to submit their electronic report or call the NSAA office by the day following the ejection.
14. Officials are asked to be specific in listing the reason(s) for an ejection.
15. Affiliated officials (officials registered from contiguous states) will also be required to perform this reporting function.
16. There is no appeal process for ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct.
17. The Executive Director shall reserve the right to consider the length of suspensions when some levels of competition are scheduled on an irregular basis (e.g., three weeks between regularly scheduled non-varsity contests).

*In the realm of good sportsmanship, it is the expectation that all student spectators to wear shirts for all sub-district, district, district final and state events. Each individual school shall be responsible for assuring that student spectators are appropriately attired. Participants must keep their uniforms on while in the competition area.*



## Fan/Spectator Support Items

In the chart below, ONLY those items marked “Yes” will be allowed as fan/spectator support items at all NSAA Sub-District, District, State Playoffs and State Championships.

Sportsmanlike vocal cheering and support from the team bench area are encouraged. The items indicated on this page are for use by fans/spectators.

**Prohibited items:** Confetti/shredded paper, powder (baby, talc, etc.), laser light/pointer, flashing objects, miniature sports balls, objects or candy thrown into the crowd, artificial noise makers, (included but not limited to horns, cow bells, bells, buzzers, clickers, thunder sticks, rattles, instruments not part of a band), whistles, air horns, sirens, cannons/muskets/guns/fireworks, live animals

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person at any NSAA postseason tournament venues. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard this device. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the NSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, Tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV. An exception to this policy, in writing, may be made in specific cases for NSAA broadcast partners, provided the Management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the NSAA (2015).

**Regulations listed are subject to facility restrictions.**

SPORT	BA	BB	CC	FB	GO	SO	SB	SW	TE	TR	VB	WR
Balloons	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
One School Banner per school	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Handheld Signs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Megaphones (school recognized cheerleaders only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Shirts on Student Spectators (Required)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shirts on General Spectators	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Team Introduction Run-throughs or Break Away Banners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pompoms, Spirit Towels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prerecorded music, approved by the host administration, played during pre-contest warm-ups (provided a band is not available to play)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
School Bands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
Carried school flags (running/taunting is prohibited)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Key:** BA-Baseball, BB-Basketball, CC-Cross Country, FB-Football, GO-Golf, SO-Soccer, SB-Softball, SW- Swimming & Diving, TE-Tennis, TR-Track & Field, VB-Volleyball, WR-Wrestling, NA-Not Apply



# 2024 NSAA State Volleyball Championships

## November 6th-9th

Admission: \$10 Adults and \$7 Students

### Wednesday, November 6th

Pinnacle Bank Arena

		<u>North Court</u>	<u>South Court</u>
<b>Session 1</b>	9:00 AM	Class B #1 v. #8	Class B #2 v. #7
	11:00 AM	Class B #4 v. #5	Class B #3 v. #6
	1:00 PM	Class C1 #1 v. #8	Class C1 #2 v. #7
	3:00 PM	Class C1 #4 v. #5	Class C1 #3 v. #6
	5:00 PM	Class A #1 v. #8	Class A #2 v. #7
	7:00 PM	Class A #4 v. #5	Class A #3 v. #6

### Thursday, November 7th

Pinnacle Bank Arena

		<u>North Court</u>	<u>South Court</u>
<b>Session 2</b>	9:00 AM	Class D2 #1 v. #8	Class D2 #2 v. #7
	11:00 AM	Class D2 #4 v. #5	Class D2 #3 v. #6
	1:00 PM	Class D1 #1 v. #8	Class D1 #2 v. #7
	3:00 PM	Class D1 #4 v. #5	Class D1 #3 v. #6
	5:00 PM	Class C2 #1 v. #8	Class C2 #2 v. #7
	7:00 PM	Class C2 #4 v. #5	Class C2 #3 v. #6

### Friday, November 8th

Pinnacle Bank Arena

#### Semifinals

		<u>North Court</u>	<u>South Court</u>
<b>Session 3</b>	9:00 AM	Class D2	Class D1
	11:00 AM	Class D2	Class D1
	1:00 PM	Class C1	Class C2
	3:00 PM	Class C1	Class C2
	5:00 PM	Class A	Class B
	7:00 PM	Class A	Class B

### Saturday, November 9th

Devaney Sports Center

Lincoln North Star

#### Championship

#### 3rd Place

<b>Session 4</b>	9:00 AM	Class D2	Class C1
	11:00 AM	Class D1	Class D2
	1:00 PM	Class C2	Class D1
	3:00 PM	Class C1	Class C2
	5:00 PM	Class B	
	7:00 PM	Class A	