

Volleyball Advisory Committee Summary

Held on November 13, 2019

- * Recommend to amend By-Law 3.14.2.a and b, to allow a high school and/or junior high coach to provide coaching and instruction to a maximum of 4 students from their school in non-school competition.

Recommend the prematch conference be conducted on the sideline, rather than center court and the warm-up protocol be adjusted to a 3-6-6-1 instead of the current 5-5-5-1 format. Three minutes shared ball handling, followed by six-minutes full court receiving team, six-minutes full court serving team and one-minute to vacate/clear the court.

Recommend the district volleyball tournament to start on Thursday of week 16 of the standardized calendar and end the following Tuesday, week 17, with teams playing no more than one match a night. The sectional round will occur on Thursday (week 17) and quarterfinal round to take place on Saturday (week 17).

- *** Recommend submitting six rule proposals to the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee for the 2021-22 school year. **As Amended:** Recommend submitting rules proposals 1-5 to the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee for the 2021-22 school year.

- * Denied
- ** Tabled
- *** Approved as Amended
- **** No Action
- Approved

Recommendation Number 3 – Postseason Format

A. General Criteria: The following district site selection process shall be use for Girls Volleyball.

1. Assignments of schools to specific districts shall be established by MSHSAA staff annually. These assignments will remain, unless it becomes necessary to modify the assignments during the season as determined by the MSHSAA staff.
2. The MSHSAA staff shall select one Athletic Administrator or Principal (per district) to serve as the chairperson who shall coordinate the site selection process for each activity.
3. The chairpersons will be contacted and confirmed via email by the MSHSAA staff.
4. Each chairperson shall review the list of schools assigned to his/her district on the MSHSAA website under the district assignments link.
5. Each chairperson will contact a school administrator of each school assigned to the specific district and arrange for a face-to-face meeting (acceptable, but not recommended options are: virtual, conference call, email, etc.) to determine the tournament format (refer to letter B below). MSHSAA shall incur no expense in conjunction with this meeting.
6. Specific criteria shall be established and published in each MSHSAA activity manual. The chairperson and school representatives shall follow the specific criteria to determine the appropriate course of action to be followed when selecting the district host site(s).
7. The district chairperson shall notify the MSHSAA office, via email, by the established deadline and indicate the selected host site(s) and manager's information (unless otherwise indicated in the specific activity criteria.
8. The MSHSAA staff shall review the submitted host sites for any necessary adjustments and final approval. The MSHSAA staff and/or Board of Directors shall select the host site when a district committee is unable to reach agreement or the Board determines a suggested site is

unacceptable due to site constraints. A neutral site may only be used, provided there is prior approval from MSHSAA, due to confirmation of inadequate facilities at the assigned district schools or unusual circumstances. The neutral site shall be at no additional expense to MSHSAA.

9. Following final approval, host sites shall be added to the district assignments link and the district manager's packet shall be forwarded to each district manager within an appropriate time frame to allow for proper administering of the event.

B. MSHSAA Specific Criteria for Volleyball Districts

1. Districts shall begin on Thursday of week 16 and conclude no later than Tuesday of week 17 (No Sunday play is allowed).
2. No school shall play in more than one match per night. No more than 2 matches shall be scheduled per night.
3. In order to host a district tournament a school MUST meet the following:
 - a. Facility/site must be located within the boundaries of the State of Missouri and
 - b. The facility MUST be able to accommodate a minimum of 60 spectators per participating school in that match. A facility may allow more spectators per school if facilities allow it. Equal number of tickets per team/schools shall be allocated.
 - c. Adequate off-street parking available for the seating capacity of the facility
 - d. The site/facility must be in compliance with the Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act as a place of public accommodation.
 - e. Adequate concessions available for spectators.
 - f. Adequate team locker rooms
 - g. Private dressing facilities for contest officials
 - h. If a school cannot accommodate these minimum requirements, the school shall not be considered as a district host site.
4. Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 15 players per school.

C. MSHSAA Specific Criteria for Volleyball Sectionals

1. These matches shall be played on Thursday of week 17.
2. There will be 8 sectional matches per class.
3. The 4 schools in that quadrant of the bracket shall be rotated each year (districts 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16).
4. The sectional match will be hosted by the team on the top of the bracket in odd-numbered years and the team on the bottom of the bracket in even-numbered years.
5. The host school shall secure two local MSHSAA registered officials to officiate lines.
6. In order to host a sectional match, a school MUST meet the following:
 - a. Facility/site must be located within the boundaries of the State of Missouri and
 - b. The facility MUST be able to accommodate a minimum of 60 spectators per participating school in that match. A facility may allow more spectators per school if facilities allow it. Equal number of tickets per team/schools shall be allocated.
 - c. Adequate off-street parking available for the seating capacity of the facility
 - d. The site/facility must be in compliance with the Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act as a place of public accommodation.
 - e. Adequate concessions available for spectators.
 - f. Adequate team locker rooms
 - g. Private dressing facilities for contest officials
 - h. If the host school cannot accommodate these minimum requirements, the school has the opportunity to secure an alternate facility with prior approval from the MSHSAA office. The neutral site shall be at no additional expense to the MSHSAA. If the determined host is unable to secure such a facility, the opponent would then become the host site provided they can meet the established criteria.

D. MSHSAA Specific Criteria for Volleyball Quarterfinals

1. These matches shall be played on Saturday of week 17.
2. There will be 4 quarterfinal matches per class.
3. Hosting criteria:
 - a. If one team has hosted a sectional game and the other has not; the team that did not host, the sectional game will host the quarterfinal match.
 - b. If both teams have hosted or neither has hosted a sectional game the team on the top of the bracket in odd-numbered years and the team on the bottom of the bracket in even-numbered years will host, the quarterfinal match.
4. The host school shall secure two local MSHSAA registered officials to officiate lines.
5. In order to host a quarterfinal match, a school MUST meet the following:
 - a. Facility/site must be located within the boundaries of the State of Missouri and
 - b. The facility MUST be able to accommodate a minimum of 60 spectators per participating school in that match. A facility may allow more spectators per school if facilities allow it. Equal number of tickets per team/schools shall be allocated.
 - c. Adequate off-street parking available for the seating capacity of the facility
 - d. The site/facility must be in compliance with the Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act as a place of public accommodation.
 - e. Adequate concessions available for spectators.
 - f. Adequate team locker rooms
 - g. Private dressing facilities for contest officials
 - h. If the host school cannot accommodate these minimum requirements, the school has the opportunity to secure an alternate facility with prior approval from the MSHSAA office. The neutral site shall be at no additional expense to the MSHSAA. If the determined host is unable to secure such a facility, the opponent would then become the host site provided they can meet the established criteria.

Recommendation Number 4 - 2021-22 NFHS Proposed Rules Change – Volleyball

1. **Rule 1-2-4...** ~~The visiting team shall choose to serve or receive the serve in set one and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets serve/receive for set No. 1 are determined by a coin toss conducted during the prematch conference. If a deciding set is required, the serve/receive and playing areas are shall be determined by a coin toss.~~
 - a. ~~First set – During the prematch conference, a visiting team captain shall call the toss. The winner shall choose to serve or receive.~~
 - b. ~~Deciding set – If necessary, prior to the deciding set, a home captain shall call the toss. The winner shall choose to serve/receive or the playing area. The loser of the toss shall be given the remaining choice. (Becomes new letter a)~~
2. **Rule 1-6-3...** ~~During the prematch conference, a coin toss shall be conducted between the captains and head coach of each team. A visiting captain shall call the toss. The winner shall choose either to serve or receive. Renumber remaining articles.~~
3. **Rule 8-1-1...** A serve is contact with the ball to initiate play. The server shall hit the ball with one hand, fist or arm while the ball is held, or after it is released by the server. The ball shall be contacted within five eight seconds after the first referee's signal to serve. A serve contacting and crossing the net shall remain in play provided the ball is entirely within the net antennas. A reserve shall not be granted. Other rules impacted 8-1-6.
4. **Rule 9-2-2...** ~~Teams shall remain on their side for sets two, three and four in a five-set match, teams shall change playing areas and benches immediately when directed by the first referee unless state association rules determine otherwise. NOTE: In a three-set match, teams shall~~

~~change playing areas and benches for set two.~~ *In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present.*

5. **Rule 9-2-3**...After each set...

- c. When directed by the first referee following the coin toss for a deciding set, the teams shall remain at their respective team benches. ~~or shall change courts immediately, as signaled by the first referee.~~ *If a clear and distinct disadvantage has been determined to be present, a choice of side shall be added.*

6. **Rule 10-3-2**...A team is allowed a maximum of ~~18~~ 20 substitutions per set. Each player is allowed unlimited entries within the team limit. Other rules effected: 10-3-6, 10-3-7-b-3.