

**Volleyball Advisory Committee Summary
Held on November 17, 2022**

- ** 1. Recommend to not allow the use of headsets by the officials as a communication tool in volleyball. Motion passed 7-0.
- * 2. Recommend an item be placed on the AD Advisory Committee agenda to review By-Law 3.14.7 to allow current 8th grade students to participate in the high school fall sports Out-Of-Season Sport–Specific Practice Period. Motion passes 7-0.
- *** 3. Recommend submitting a proposed rule change to the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee regarding rule 3-2-1 to eliminate the use of the all-white ball. Motion passes 7-0.
- 4. Recommend to amend Section 2-F of the Volleyball Manual (Clock Protocol and Countdown) to adjust the official's whistle from 13:10, 7:10 and 1:10 to 13:15, 7:15 and 1:15. Motion passes 7-0.

Time on Scoreboard

- 18:00 Pre-match conference – When multiple matches are played on the same date, an 18-minute clock shall start as soon as the officials' have completed their duties from the previous match. Clock does not stop.
- 16:00 Pre-match conference completed; 3-minutes shared stretching/ball-handling – Receiving Team and Serving Team; teams shall remain on their side of the net.
- 13:15 Official Whistle – Serving Team vacates court
- 13:00 Sound Horn – 6-minutes (full court) Receiving Team
- 7:15 Official Whistle – Receiving Team vacates the court
- 7:00 Sound Horn – 6-minutes (full court) Serving Team
- 1:15 Official Whistle – Serving Team vacates court
- 1:00 Sound Horn – Prepare for announcement of team line-up; National Anthem (if performed), etc.

- * 5. Recommend to amend Section 2-J of the Volleyball Manual for sub-varsity matches and sub-varsity tournaments to state the host school shall determine how the 3rd set, when played, shall be completed at either 15 points or 25 points. This modification should be specified in the game contract, and the officials' contract. Motion passed 7-0.

The MSHSAA Board of Directors approved a state association adoption per rule 1-2-1 of the NFHS Volleyball Rules Book to allow schools the option for sub-varsity level (i.e. junior high, freshman, junior varsity only) dual matches and tournament to abbreviate the third set, when played, to be completed at 15 points or 25 points. The host school shall determine the format used. The modification should be specified in the game contract and the officials' contract, and agreed upon prior to the match. ~~If both schools do not agree to abbreviate the 3rd set, the set will be played to 25 points.~~

- * 6. Recommend language be added to Section 2-N of the MSHSAA Volleyball Manual to allow varsity tournaments utilizing the best of three format the option to play the third set to 15 points or 25 points. Motion passed 7-0.

Varsity Volleyball Tournaments: Abbreviated play may only be utilized during pool play. Abbreviated pool play match does count toward the team contest limitations.

- 1. *Varsity tournament may utilize the best of three or the best of five set format. Varsity tournaments utilizing the best of three format may abbreviate the third set, when played,*

to be completed at 15 points or 25 points. This information should be specified in the game contract, the officials contract and agreed upon prior to the match.

2. *Junior varsity, freshman and junior high tournaments may only utilize the best of three set format.*
- * 7. Recommend the AD Advisory Committee review By-Law 3.14.2.c to allow school coaches to coach their players in a limited capacity during the school year outside the designated sports season. Motion passes 7-0
- * 8. Recommend an item be placed on the Annual Ballot to amend By-Law 3.25.1.a to state an abbreviated pool play match does not count as a match toward the team contest limitations. Motion passed 7-0

3.25.1 Volleyball Multi-Match Regulations:

a. Abbreviated play may only be utilized in pool play. An abbreviated pool play match does not count as a match toward the team contest limitations.

9. Recommend to place an item on the Annual Ballot to remove the junior varsity level language in By-Law 3.25.2.b.1 and combine with By-Law 3.25.2.b.2. Motion passes 7-0
 - b. Daily Set Limitations for Dual Competition
 1. High School Varsity Level: Plays 3-out-of-5-Set Matches.
 2. High School Junior Varsity Level: Plays 2-out-of-3- Set Matches. ~~During regular season dual competition, a player may participate in a maximum of four sets on one calendar date against the same school.~~
 3. Any player may participate in a maximum of six sets on one calendar date against the same school in regular season dual competition.
 - d. Season Limits:
 1. ~~High School Junior Varsity Level - Play 2-out-of-3-Set Matches: A player is eligible to play in no more than 144 sets for the season.~~
 2. High School Varsity Level - ~~Play 3-out-of-5-Set Matches: A player is eligible to play in no more than 180 sets for the season. A player that splits playing time between sub-varsity and varsity levels is subject to the varsity level set limit.~~
10. Recommend that indoor volleyball and beach volleyball be recognized and treated as two separate and independent sports due to significant rules differences, environmental condition differences and skills training. Motion passed 7-0
11. Recommend the district volleyball tournament start no earlier than Tuesday of week 16 of the standardized calendar and conclude no later than Tuesday of week 17. Motion passed 7-0
- * 12. Recommend MaxPreps be used to determine the top 8 or 16 schools per class as the number one ranked team for each district and serve as the host school for that district. This information would then be used to seed the final schools assigned to each district. Motion passed 7-0.
- * 13. Recommend the following steps be used to create volleyball district assignments. Motion passed 5-0.
 - 1) MSHSAA establishes the classification breaks for volleyball per Board Policy.

- 2) MSHSAA identifies the schools per class and draws a vertical line through the state to divide the schools equally; half on the east and half on the west.
- 3) Using the MaxPreps rankings to split up the top 16-20 (8 districts) using a serpentine system. This could also be applied to 16 district model.

8 District Model

District 1E or 5W - #1/#8

District 2E or 6W - #2/#7

District 3E or 7W - #3/#6

District 4E or 8W - #4/#5

This creates the opportunity for the #1 and #2 ranked teams (East and West) to be in the state final four.

- 4) Complete the rest of the district by geography starting with the #1 seed. The closet non-ranked team will travel to #1. Repeat the process with #2, #3, etc. This will fill half of the district.

- * 14. Recommend all results must be entered and current in MaxPreps by Saturday of week 12 and class and district assignments be released on Friday of week 13. Motion passed 5-0

- * 15. Recommend moving the officials draft from week 13 to week 14 on the standardized calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

16. Recommend the following option be included in Section 5-B of the Volleyball Manual regarding the hosting of the first round of districts. Motion passed 7-0 (Anderson absent).

The district tournament committee may allow the option for first round tournament matches to be played at the higher seeded school. The district manager and tournament committee will draft the officials and establish the bracket and start time. If the tournament committee does not allow this option, all matches must be played at the district host school.

- *** 17. Recommend amending Section 5-B-2 of the Volleyball Manual to state no more than 3 matches shall be scheduled per school night in one gymnasium. Motion passed 8-0.

No school shall play in more than one match per calendar date. No more than 3 matches shall be scheduled per school night if held at one gymnasium.

- * 18. Recommend that all semifinal matches be played on Thursday, all third-place matches be played on Friday and all championship matches be played on Saturday beginning with the 2023-24 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

* Denied

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*** Approved as Amended

**** No Action

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