



MPSSAA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - November 21, 2009
University of Maryland, College Park

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Volleyball tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Volleyball Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Volleyball Bulletin.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.
- E. As allowed in National Federation rule 1-7-1, note 1, by state adoption, schools may play a five-game match in which a team is considered the winner of the match when it wins three games.
- F. Games postponed during the regular season shall be made up on the first available date and in the order originally scheduled. Subsequent games shall not be moved. Local supervisor(s) of athletics shall be consulted and will make final decisions on postponed games.
- G. The Girls State Volleyball Committee is requiring the use of the Spalding Top Flite TF 5000 during both the region and state tournaments. It is highly recommended that this same ball be used during the regular season.

II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournament Organization
 - 1. Every school is automatically entered into the region tournament unless the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal. **It is the responsibility of schools to work with regional directors to accurately report schedules, results and records. (Refer to page 4, Section II, B of this Bulletin)**
 - 2. Only those schools whose teams win in the region's quarterfinal round are required to submit the entry and photo.

2009 VOLLEYBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug 15First Practice Date	Nov 6.....First Round	Nov 16-19Semifinals
Sep 4First play date	Nov 9.....Quarterfinals	Nov 21Finals
Nov 2Draw for tournament bracket positions	Nov 11Semifinals	
Nov 5Last play date	Nov 13/14Finals	Dec 15.....Reimbursement request due
Nov 10Application deadline for tournament qualifiers		

3. NO ENTRIES ARE TO BE SENT UNTIL THE QUARTERFINALS ARE OVER.
 - a. ONLY TEAMS THAT WIN REGION QUARTERFINALS ARE TO SUBMIT ONLINE ENTRIES. Entries must be received in the MPSSAA office by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10 (day following the QF).
 - b. The mailed photo must be postmarked no later than Nov. 10.
 - c. The online entry method must be used. The complete directions for submitting rosters and photos will be found on pages 6-7 in Section I of this publication.
4. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.

B. Playing Rules

1. All games will be played under the current National Federation rules, with the following exceptions and additions:
 - a. Teams will consist of a maximum of 15 players, in uniform, as they appear on the official roster.
 - b. The official game ball shall be the Spalding Top Flite TF 5000.
2. Ball handling is permitted prior to the official warm-up. Use of 1/2 court only is permitted with no over-the-net play **when both teams are present.**
3. Official warm-ups shall consist of:
 - a. Only the official team party's uniformed members, managers, and coaches shall assist with warm-ups in any manner, including tossing, feeding, and retrieving volleyballs.
 - b. 15 minutes of shared-court time (use of 1/2 court only, no over-the-net play).
 - c. The use of the game net shall be five minutes for Team A, then five minutes for Team B. Team A and Team B shall share game net for two minutes of designated serving.

C. General Policies

1. The official representatives of a school (20 total - players, managers, and coaches) shall be admitted free at a designated entrance door after being identified by the coach. **Each team will be responsible for supplying two ball retrievers of high school age, who will be admitted free of charge and not included in the school's allotted 20 representatives.**
2. Each school should feel a responsibility for its athletes and team followers to exhibit good sportsmanship. For purposes of crowd control, the principal and school personnel should be alert to detect and correct or discipline any unsafe or unruly behavior. Refer to page 4, Section II.D, in the front section of this publication.
 - a. Upon arrival, each school should identify its security person (administrator).
 - b. Noisemakers and other distractions, i.e., sirens, whistles, horns, bells, etc., are prohibited.
 - c. Balloons, large hats, mascots, etc. must not visually obstruct teams, officials, or spectators.
 - d. Signs are permitted which display a positive support of the school. Derogatory or obscene signs will be confiscated. Signs may not be carried through the stands as a means of taunting other spectators. Principals and faculty members of participating schools are expected to enforce this regulation.
3. When local jurisdictions allow and can accommodate pep bands, 15 band members, accompanied by a faculty sponsor, will be admitted free. Pep bands will alternate playing time and, once a contest begins, will play only when time is out. Bands will coordinate their playing with the cheerleaders from their school.

4. A maximum of 20 cheerleaders from each of the participating schools will be admitted free of charge only if they are in complete uniform and accompanied by a coach. Cheerleaders should get together before the contest to work out arrangements for each school to cheer, unopposed by the other. Cheerleaders should use their megaphones only for addressing their own student body.

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

SPECIAL VOLLEYBALL ALIGNMENT FOR CLASS 1A

WEST	NORTH	SOUTH	EAST
1. Allegany-All	1. Carver A&T-B Co	1. Carver Vo-Tech-Balt	1. Bohemia Manor-Cec
2. Fort Hill-All	2. Loch Raven-B Co	2. Dunbar-Balt	2. Perryville-Cec
3. Mountain Ridge-All	3. New Town-B Co	3. Friendship Academy (FAST)-Balt	3. Colonel Richardson-Cin
4. Northern (Gar.)-G	4. Owings Mills-B Co	4. Forest Park-Balt	4. Harford Tech-Hfd
5. Southern (Gar.)-G	5. Pikesville-B Co	5. IBE-Balt	5. Havre de Grace-Hfd
6. Boonsboro-Was	6. Sparrows Point-B Co	6. Maritime Academy-Balt	6. Joppatowne-Hfd
7. Clear Spring-Was	7. Western STES-B Co	7. Northwestern-Balt	7. Patterson Mill-Hfd
8. Hancock-Was	8. Manchester Valley-Car	8. Reginald Lewis-Balt	8. Kent County-K
9. Smithsburg-Was	9. Brunswick-Fre	9. Southside Academy-Balt	9. Pocomoke-Wor
10. Williamsport-Was	10. Catoclin-Fre	10. W.E.B. DuBois-Balt	10. Snow Hill-Wor
		11. Fairmont Heights-PG	
		12. Forestville-PG	
		13. Surrattsville-PG	

A. Tournament Organization

1. The region director is responsible for the assignment of officials and the notification of schools as to the tournament bracket, site, and starting times.
 - a. The region director shall employ local officials who service the designated home team, plus qualified individuals as scorers and linesmen.
 - b. The region director shall inform the state committee director and the MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.

2009 REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Region	Director	School	Office	Home
4A West	Scott Zanni	Magruder	301-840-4627	301-330-8638
4A North	Jim Dorsch	Thomas Johnson	240-236-8533	240-409-7206
4A South	Shirley Diggs	High Point	301-572-6400 x209	301-464-2718
4A East	Mike Gimon	Chesapeake-AA	410-225-9600	410-294-8642
3A West	Wanda Hsiung	Kennedy	301-270-0710	301-270-0710
3A North	Tiffany Byrd	Polytechnic	410-396-7023	410-661-5971
3A South	Steve Correll	Leonardtown	301-475-0200	301-997-1054
3A East	Grant Scott	Howard	410-313-2867	410-552-3003
	Caitlin Geoghan	Wilde Lake	410-313-6965	443-896-8302
2A West	Marcia Nissel	North Hagerstown	301-766-8246	301-733-3887
2A North	Jamie Izdebski	Lansdowne	410-887-1424	410-538-6014
2A South	Jodi Ellenwood	River Hill	410-313-7114	240-674-6794
2A East	Bertha Ortiz	Stephen Decatur Middle	410-641-2846	410-208-9252
1A West	Valery Broadwater	Mountain Ridge	301-687-8014	301-689-1530
1A North	Dana Brashear	Catoclin	240-236-8173	717-677-0154
1A South	Dana Johnson	Southside	410-396-1625	443-278-6658
1A East	Chris McDonough	Bel Air	410-638-4600	410-879-6492

2. The draw for bracket positions will take place Monday, Nov. 2 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> later that day.
 - a. A team must have played a minimum of 12 games to be eligible for the region tournament.
 - b. Region directors will verify and submit to the state tournament chair by 9 a.m., Nov. 2, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through Oct. 31.

- c. The top four teams in each region will be seeded 1-4 as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship. Ties among the top four teams in a region will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used.
 - d. The remaining teams in each region will be placed on the bracket by a blind draw.
 - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered position (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
3. ALL region games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament. The option to conduct region contests at neutral or central sites remain.
 - a. The MPSSAA executive director may grant permission for region games to be scheduled at a site other than that of the higher-placed team. This may be done upon the written request of the region director, with the approval by a two-thirds representative vote of the athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region. The request must be received prior to Oct. 1.
 - b. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 4. Region contests will begin no earlier than 5 p.m. unless agreed upon by the two schools involved.
 5. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.

B. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$5.
2. Teams will provide their own balls for warm-ups.
3. The host school will provide the official game ball, Spalding Top Flite TF 5000.
4. Each region director must call or email the state tournament director **Sybil Modispacher (sybil_modispacher@hcpss.org or 443-794-8513)** with results immediately following the completion of the final game on November 13/14 to report the name of the winning team, their win-loss record, the head coach's name and phone number, and the athletic director's name and phone number. The state tournament director will then contact the coaches involved with the alignments for advancement into state play.
5. Team champions will receive a region plaque plus individual certificates.
6. Region champions will complete the media information form (found on the volleyball page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the state semifinals.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

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2. The MPSSAA will sponsor, conduct, and underwrite the tournament and will be responsible for expenses involving transportation, officials, and awards.

