



MPSSAA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - November 19 & 20, 2018

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. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Volleyball Rule Book will be followed.
- 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 VB5 three-panel colored ball with white, red and black solid panels and the NFHS authenticating mark during the region and state tournament. It is highly recommended the Spalding VB5 three-panel colored ball with white, red and black solid panels and the NFHS authenticating mark 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 region directors to accurately report schedules, results and records. (Refer to page 3, Section II, B of this Bulletin)
 - 2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Sectional Semifinal. Instructions on filling out the TEAM ENTRY FORM are available on mpssaa.org.

2018 VOLLEYBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug. 8.....First practice date		
Aug. 31....First play date		
Oct. 27Last play date for seeding consideration	Nov. 1/2Section Quarterfinals	Nov. 12-15Semifinals
Oct. 29Tournament seeding meeting	Nov. 5Section Semifinals	Nov. 19 & 20..Finals
Oct. 31Last play date	Nov. 7Section Finals	
Nov. 8.....Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	Nov. 9/10Region Finals	Dec. 15Reimbursement request due

B. Playing Rules

1. All games will be played under the current National Federation rules, with the following exception and/or addition:
 - a. The official game ball shall be the Spalding VB5 three-panel colored ball with white, red and black solid panels and the NFHS authenticating mark.
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 six minutes for **the Home Team first, followed by** six minutes for **the Visiting Team**. Teams may use their six minutes in any way they want, including serving.

C. General Policies

1. **The official representatives of a school team, as listed on the online team entry form (20 total - players, managers, and coaches), shall be admitted free at a designated entrance door.** Each team will also 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 3, 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

A. Tournament Organization

1. The region director (listing of directors found on page 55) 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.
2. The tournament seeding meeting will take place Monday, October 29 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. Region directors will verify and submit to the state tournament chair by 9 a.m., October 28, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through October 27.
 - b. All teams in each section will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship.
 - c. Teams with less than 12 varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of 12 games.
 - d. Ties among teams in a section 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 to determine the order of seeding.
 - 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. Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all teams in section and region play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All section games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
 - b. The Section Quarterfinals of the region tournament may be played on either Thursday, November 1st or Friday, November 2nd. The higher-placed team will determine the date of the contest in consultation with the opposing school. Every effort should be made to avoid conflicts and local supervisors of athletics shall be consulted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
 - c. All region championship games will be held at the home site of the school with the higher regular season winning percentage. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
 - d. The MPSSAA Executive Director may grant permission for section and region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed. This may be done upon a written request of the region director, with approval by a two-thirds representative vote of 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/section. The request must be received prior to October 1.
 - e. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - f. Region contests will begin no earlier than 5 p.m. unless agreed upon by the two schools involved. Region directors MUST be notified of all starting times.

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 \$6.
2. Teams will provide their own balls for warm-ups.
3. The host school will provide the official Spalding VB5 three-panel colored ball with white, red and black solid panels and the NFHS authenticating mark.
4. Each region director must call or email the state tournament director Sybil Kessinger (sybil_modispacher@hcpss.org or 443-794-8513) with results immediately following the completion of the final game on November 9/10 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

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.
2. The MPSSAA will sponsor, conduct, and underwrite the tournament and will be responsible for expenses involving transportation, officials, and awards.
3. 2018–19 semifinal pairings: **No. 1 South vs. No. 4 North, and No. 2 East vs. No. 3 West.**
4. Semifinals will be held November 12-15 at the U. of Maryland College Park's Ritchie Coliseum — times 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (**Class 4A-Nov. 12, Class 2A-Nov. 13, Class 3A-Nov. 14, Class 1A-Nov. 15**).
5. The Championship Finals will be held at Ritchie Coliseum.

On Monday, November 19:	6:00 p.m. – Class 2A	8:00 p.m. – Class 4A
On Tuesday, November 20:	6:00 p.m. – Class 1A	8:00 p.m. – Class 3A
6. **Directions to Ritchie Coliseum — University of Maryland College Park** from I-95/I-495: Exit MD-1 South 2 miles to UMCP. Continue past Campus Drive. Parking is available at Visitor Center on right. Ritchie Coliseum is directly across Route 1 on left. (Map available at mpssaa.org)
7. There will be an admission charge of \$10 for individuals 7 years of age and older. Presale tickets are also available online by going to www.mpssaa.org.
8. The Games Committee will be composed of the district representatives present.
9. The tournament site coordinator will be responsible for court preparation, for the official score sheets, and for determining the need for police protection.
10. For additional information, consult the State Tournament “Fan Focus” on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org>.

B. General Policies

1. Official game balls, practice balls and water for team benches will be provided by the MPSSAA.
2. The team champion in each classification shall receive a plaque, 20 individual awards, and a game ball. The finalist team shall receive a plaque and 20 individual awards.
3. The State Volleyball Committee will recognize the school which displays the best overall sportsmanship while participating in the tournament with the Lesley W. Cooke Sportsmanship Award. Appointed judges will observe each school's coaches, players, spectators, cheerleaders, and pep bands, rating them on a scale of 1-10. The award will be presented to the school achieving the highest average score.

PROJECTED MPSSAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DATES
 2019 - November 16 2020 - November 21 2021 - November 20

2018 REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A West	Scott Zanni	Col. Zadok Magruder	301-840-4627	301-570-8032
4A North	Jim Dorsch	Frederick Co. (retired)		240-409-7206
4A South	Linda Henson-Hubb	Gwynn Park	301-372-0140 x83536	301.440-7347
4A East	Mike Gimon	Chesapeake-AA	410-225-9600	443-469-5590
3A West	Wanda Hsuing	Col. Zadok Magruder		240-274-2682
3A North	Tina Queen	Reginald Lewis	443-545-1746	443-831-1533
3A South	Steve Correll	Leonardtown	301-475-0200	301-769-1543
3A East	Michael Bossom	Centennial	410-313-2856	410-299-6912
2A West	Dan Cunningham	North Hagerstown	301-766-8246	301-991-1592
2A North	Larry Ward	Pikesville	443-809-1257	443-580-3703
2A South	Kristin Anderson	Oakland Mills	410-313-6945	410-984-0460
2A East	Jennifer Powell	Easton	410-822-4180	410-726-0488
1A West	Rachel Brashear	Smithsburg	301-766-8337	240-315-5866
1A North	Dana Johnson	Dunbar	410-396-9487	443-690-6402
1A South	Angela Alcain	Douglass-PG	301-952-2400	301-332-0151
1A East	Chris McDonough	Bel Air	410-638-4600	410-688-0360

Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the Volleyball page of mpssaa.org.

2018-19 VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

		Office	Other
COMMITTEE DIRECTOR	Sybil Kessinger	River Hill 410-313-7120	443-794-8513
DISTRICT 1	Rachel Brashear	Smithsburg 301-766-8337	240-315-5866
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DISTRICT 3	Linda Henson-Hubb	Gwynn Park 301-372-0140 x83536	301.440-7347
DISTRICT 4	Steve Correll	Leonardtown 301-475-0200	301-769-1543
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DISTRICT 6	Larry Ward	Pikesville 443-809-1257	443-580-3703
DISTRICT 7	Chris McDonough	Bel Air 410-638-4600	410-688-0360
DISTRICT 8	Jennifer Powell	Easton 410-822-4180	410-726-0488
DISTRICT 9	Yolanda Small	Western-B 410-396-7040	301-379-5423

RULES INTERPRETER

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Email addresses for committee members can be found on the Volleyball page of mpssaa.org.

2018 ALIGNMENT FOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 4A-WEST			CLASS 4A-NORTH			CLASS 4A-SOUTH			CLASS 4A-EAST		
SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I		
1. Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Mtg		1. Catonsville	B Co		1. Bladensburg	PG		1. Arundel	AA	
2. Winston Churchill	Mtg		2. Dulaney	B Co		2. DuVal	PG		2. Glen Burnie	AA	
3. Albert Einstein	Mtg		3. Perry Hall	B Co		3. High Point	PG		3. Meade	AA	
4. John F. Kennedy	Mtg		4. Mergenthaler	Balt		4. Laurel	PG		4. North County	AA	
5. Walt Whitman	Mtg		5. Western	Balt		5. Northwestern	PG		5. Old Mill	AA	
6. Walter Johnson	Mtg		6. Howard	How		6. Parkdale	PG		6. Severna Park	AA	
7. Wheaton	Mtg										
SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II		
1. Clarksburg	Mtg		1. Urbana	Fre		1. Bowie	PG		1. Annapolis	AA	
2. Gaithersburg	Mtg		2. Montgomery Blair	Mtg		2. Charles H. Flowers	PG		2. Broadneck	AA	
3. Northwest	Mtg		3. Northwood	Mtg		3. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG		3. South River	AA	
4. Quince Orchard	Mtg		4. Paint Branch	Mtg		4. Suitland	PG		4. North Point	Cha	
5. Richard Montgomery	Mtg		5. Sherwood	Mtg		5. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG		5. Leonardtown	StM	
6. Thomas Wootton	Mtg		6. Springbrook	Mtg							
CLASS 3A-WEST			CLASS 3A-NORTH			CLASS 3A-SOUTH			CLASS 3A-EAST		
SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I		
1. Manchester Valley	Car		1. Franklin	B Co		1. Baltimore City College	Balt		1. Atholton	How	
2. Westminster	Car		2. Lansdowne	B Co		2. Digital Harbor	Balt		2. Centennial	How	
3. James Hubert Blake	Mtg		3. Milford Mill Academy	B Co		3. Baltimore Polytechnic	Balt		3. Long Reach	How	
4. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg		4. Parkville	B Co		4. Southwestern	Balt		4. Mt. Hebron	How	
5. Rockville	Mtg		5. Towson	B Co		5. Oxon Hill	PG		5. Reservoir	How	
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg		6. Woodlawn	B Co		6. Potomac	PG				
SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II		
1. Frederick	Fre		1. Dundalk	B Co		1. Huntingtown	Cal		1. Chesapeake	AA	
2. Linganore	Fre		2. Kenwood	B Co		2. Northern	Cal		2. Northeast	AA	
3. Gov. Thomas Johnson	Fre		3. Patapsco	B Co		3. St. Charles	Cha		3. James M. Bennett	Wic	
4. Tuscarora	Fre		4. Aberdeen	Hfd		4. Chopticon	StM		4. Stephen Decatur	Wor	
5. North Hagerstown	Was		5. Bel Air	Hfd		5. Great Mills	StM				
6. South Hagerstown	Was		6. C. Milton Wright	Hfd							
			7. Edgewood	Hfd							
CLASS 2A-WEST			CLASS 2A-NORTH			CLASS 2A-SOUTH			CLASS 2A-EAST		
SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I		
1. Century	Car		1. Eastern Technical	B Co		1. Glenelg	How		1. Elkton	Cec	
2. Liberty	Car		2. Hereford	B Co		2. Hammond	How		2. North East	Cec	
3. South Carroll	Car		3. New Town	B Co		3. Marriotts Ridge	How		3. Rising Sun	Cec	
4. Winters Mill	Car		4. Owings Mills	B Co		4. Oakland Mills	How		4. Fallston	Hfd	
5. Oakdale	Fre		5. Edmondson/Westside	Balt		5. River Hill	How		5. Harford Technical	Hfd	
						6. Wilde Lake	How		6. North Harford	Hfd	
SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II		
1. Damascus	Mtg		1. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt		1. Southern	AA		1. North Caroline	Cln	
2. Poolesville	Mtg		2. Patterson	Balt		2. Calvert	Cal		2. Kent Island	QA	
3. Seneca Valley	Mtg		3. Central	PG		3. Patuxent	Cal		3. Queen Anne's	QA	
4. Middletown	Fre		4. Crossland	PG		4. La Plata	Cha		4. Easton	Tal	
5. Walkersville	Fre		5. Gwynn Park	PG		5. Thomas Stone	Cha		5. Parkside	Wic	
6. Williamsport	Was					6. Westlake	Cha		6. Wicomico	Wic	
CLASS 1A-WEST			CLASS 1A-NORTH			CLASS 1A-SOUTH			CLASS 1A-EAST		
SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I			SECTION I		
1. Allegany	All		1. Carver A&T	B Co		1. Chesapeake Science Pt.	AA		1. Bohemia Manor	Cec	
2. Fort Hill	All		2. Chesapeake	B Co		2. College Park Academy	PG		2. Perryville	Cec	
3. Mountain Ridge	All		3. Loch Raven	B Co		3. Frederick Douglass	PG		3. Havre de Grace	Hfd	
4. Northern	G		4. Overlea	B Co		4. Fairmont Heights	PG		4. Joppatowne	Hfd	
5. Southern	G		5. Pikesville	B Co		5. Largo	PG		5. Patterson Mill	Hfd	
6. Hancock	Was		6. Randallstown	B Co		6. The SEED School of MD	MD				
			7. Sparrows Point	B Co		7. ACCE	Balt				
			8. Western STES	B Co							
SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II			SECTION II		
1. Francis Scott Key	Car		1. Frederick Douglass	Balt		1. Henry E. Lackey	Cha		1. Colonel Richardson	Cln	
2. Brunswick	Fre		2. Paul Laurence Dunbar	Balt		2. Maurice J. McDonough	Cha		2. North Dorchester	Dor	
3. Catoctin	Fre		3. Forest Park	Balt		3. Friendly	PG		3. Kent County	K	
4. Boonsboro	Was		4. Benjamin Franklin	Balt		4. Internatl. HS at Langley Park	PG		4. Pocomoke	Wor	
5. Clear Spring	Was		5. Reginald Lewis	Balt		5. Surrattville	PG		5. Snow Hill	Wor	
6. Smithsburg	Was		6. Lake Clifton	Balt							
			7. Natl. Academy Found.	Balt							
			8. New Era Academy	Balt							