



MPSSAA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL BULLETIN

State Finals - November 16, 2019
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 **Region Final**. Instructions on filling out the TEAM ENTRY FORM are available on mpssaa.org.

2019 VOLLEYBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug. 14.....First practice date		
Sept. 6First play date		
Oct. 26.....Last play date for seeding consideration	Oct. 31.....Region Quarterfinals	Nov. 8/9.....Quarterfinals
Oct. 28.....Tournament seeding	Nov. 4.....Region Semifinals	Nov. 11-14Semifinals
Oct. 30Last play date	Nov. 6.....Region Finals	Nov. 16.....Finals
Nov. 7Application deadline for tournament qualifiers		Dec. 15Reimbursement request due

B. Playing Rules

1. All games will be played under the current National Federation rules, with the addition of the official game ball being 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 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

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 28 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 27, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through October 26.
 - b. All teams in each **region** 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 **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 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 region play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All **region** games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
 - b. The **Region** Quarterfinals may be played on either Thursday, October 31st or Friday, November 1st. 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. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, the designated home team will remain unchanged.
 - d. 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.
 4. 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. Team champions will receive a region plaque plus individual certificates.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. State Quarterfinals

1. The region champions from each classification shall advance to a State Quarterfinal round.
2. The eight region champions will be seeded 1-8 based on their regular season winning percentage used to seed each region. Ties among teams in the State Quarterfinals 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.
3. Unless a specific alternate plan has been approved, all State Quarterfinal games will be played at the site of the higher seed.
4. Schools hosting a State Quarterfinal game may schedule the contest on Friday, November 8 or Saturday, November 9. When setting game times hosting sites must be mindful of other school activities and provide appropriate travel time for any schools. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be contacted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.
5. Officiating crews (R1, R2, and Line Judges) from the association local to the higher seeded team will be assigned to the State Quarterfinal contest.
6. An experienced Scorer and Libero Tracker shall also be assigned to the State Quarterfinal contest. In lieu of an experienced Scorer and Libero Tracker, the host school may request officials to serve in these roles.
7. 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.
8. Admission charge for State Quarterfinals will be \$6.00 for individuals 7 years of age and older.

B. State Semifinals and Finals

1. The winners of the State Quarterfinal round shall advance to the State Semifinals.
 - a. The winner in each classification of the No. 1 versus No. 8 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 4 versus No. 5 seeded game.
 - b. The winner in each classification of the No. 2 versus No. 7 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 3 versus No. 6 seeded game.
2. The State Semifinals will be held at Ritchie Coliseum on the campus of the University of Maryland.
3. Semifinals will be held November 11-14 at the University of Maryland College Park's Ritchie Coliseum with two matches each night at **5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
(Class 1A-Nov. 11, Class 4A-Nov. 12, Class 2A-Nov. 13, Class 3A-Nov. 14).
4. The Championship Finals will be held at Ritchie Coliseum on **Saturday, November 16** as follows:
12:00 p.m. – Class 2A 2:30 p.m. – Class 4A 5:00 p.m. – Class 1A 7:30 p.m. – Class 3A.
5. 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.
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. For additional information, consult the State Tournament “Fan Focus” on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org>.

C. General Policies

1. Official game balls, practice balls and water for team benches will be provided by the MPSSAA.
2. **Region Champions will complete the Media Information Form (found on the Volleyball page of mpssaa.org and bring the requested copies to the State Quarterfinals. This form shall be revised following each successive round and new requested copies brought to each game site through the State Final match.**
3. The team champion in each classification shall receive a trophy, 20 individual awards, and a game ball. The finalist team shall receive a trophy and 20 individual awards.
4. 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

2020 - November 21 2021 - November 20 2022 - November 19

2019 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	Jamie Hedges	Lansdowne	443-809-1415	410-274-5003
3A South	Steve Correll	Leonardtown	301-475-0200	301-769-1543
3A East	Michael Bossom	Centennial	410-313-2856	410-299-6912
2A West	Emily Crabtree	Williamsport	301-766-8424	301-988-4217
2A North	Denikwa James	Winand ES	410-887-0763	410-292-9254
2A South	Tina Queen	Reginald Lewis	443-545-1746	443-831-1533
2A East	Jennifer Powell	Easton	410-822-4180	410-726-0488
1A West	Dan Cunningham	North Hagerstown	301-766-8246	301-991-1592
1A North	Dana Johnson	Paul Laurence Dunbar	410-396-9487	443-690-6402
1A South	Raenelle Taylor	Gwynn Park	301-372-0140	240-682-2046
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.

2019-20 VOLLEYBALL STATE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 3	Linda Henson-Hubb	Gwynn Park	301-372-0140 x83536	301.440-7347
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DISTRICT 7	Chris McDonough	Bel Air	410-638-4600	410-688-0360
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2019 ALIGNMENT FOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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