



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 Molten IV58L Super Touch leather ball during the region and state tournament. It is highly recommended the Molten IV58L Super Touch leather 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 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.

2021 VOLLEYBALL TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Aug. 11.....First practice date	Nov. 4/5Region Quarterfinals	Nov. 12/13Quarterfinals
Sept. 3First play date	Nov. 8.....Region Semifinals	Nov. 15-18Semifinals
Oct. 30.....Last play date for seeding consideration	Nov. 10Region Finals	Nov. 20.....Finals
Nov. 1.....Tournament seeding		Dec. 15Reimbursement request due
Nov. 3Last play date		
Nov. 11..Application deadline for tournament qualifiers		

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 Molten IV58L Super Touch leather ball.
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, November 1 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 31, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through October 30.
 - 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, November 4th or Friday, November 5th. 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 Molten IV58L Super Touch leather ball.
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 12 or Saturday, November 13. When setting game times hosting sites must be mindful of other school activities, SAT and ACT Tests, 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 15-18 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 3A-Nov. 15, Class 2A-Nov. 16, Class 1A-Nov. 17, Class 4A-Nov. 18).
4. The Championship Finals are TBA for Saturday, November 20.
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. **State Quarterfinal winners will complete the Media Information Form (found on the Volleyball page of mpssaa.org) and bring the requested copies to the State Semifinals. This form shall be revised following the State Semifinals and new requested copies brought to 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		
2022 - November 19	2023 - November 18	2024 - November 16

2021 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.

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DISTRICT 3	Linda Henson-Hubb	Gwynn Park	301-372-0140 x83536	301.440-7347
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2021 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. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Arundel	AA
2. Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. DuVal	PG	2. Glen Burnie	AA
3. Thomas S. Wootton	Mtg	3. Dundalk	B Co	3. High Point	PG	3. Meade	AA
4. Winston Churchill	Mtg	4. Parkville	B Co	4. Laurel	PG	4. North County	AA
5. Walt Whitman	Mtg	5. Perry Hall	B Co	5. Northwestern	PG	5. Old Mill	AA
6. Walter Johnson	Mtg	6. Western	Balt	6. Parkdale	PG		
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Urbana	Fre	1. Albert Einstein	Mtg	1. Bowie	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Clarksburg	Mtg	2. James Blake	Mtg	2. Charles H. Flowers	PG	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Gaithersburg	Mtg	3. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	3. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	3. Severna Park	AA
4. Northwest	Mtg	4. Northwood	Mtg	4. Suitland	PG	4. South River	AA
5. Quince Orchard	Mtg	5. Paint Branch	Mtg	5. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG	5. North Point	Cha
6. Seneca Valley	Mtg	6. Sherwood	Mtg			6. Leonardtown	StM
7. Wheaton		7. Wheaton	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. City	Balt	1. Huntingtown	Cal	1. Manchester Valley	Car
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Digital Harbor	Balt	2. Northern (Cal.)	Cal	2. Westminster	Car
3. Oakdale	Fre	3. Mergenthaler	Balt	3. St. Charles	Cha	3. Centennial	How
4. Thomas Johnson	Fre	4. Poly	Balt	4. Chopticon	StM	4. Howard	How
5. Tuscarora	Fre	5. Franklin	B Co	5. Great Mills	StM	5. Marriotts Ridge	How
6. North Hagerstown	Was	6. Woodlawn	B Co			6. Mt. Hebron	How
7. South Hagerstown	Was						
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	1. Kenwood	B Co	1. Chesapeake	AA	1. Atholton	How
2. Damascus	Mtg	2. Patapsco	B Co	2. Crofton	AA	2. Long Reach	How
3. John F. Kennedy	Mtg	3. Towson	B Co	3. Northeast (AA)	AA	3. Reservoir	How
4. Rockville	Mtg	4. Aberdeen	Hfd	4. Oxon Hill	PG	4. River Hill	How
5. Springbrook	Mtg	5. Bel Air	Hfd	5. J. M. Bennett	Wic	5. Wilde Lake	How
6. Watkins Mill	Mtg	6. C. Milton Wright	Hfd	6. Stephen Decatur	Wor		
		7. Edgewood	Hfd				
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
REGION I		REGION I		REGION I		REGION I	
1. Southern (AA)	AA	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Fairmont Heights	PG	1. Elkton	Cec
2. Century	Car	2. Hereford	B Co	2. Frederick Douglass	PG	2. North East (Cecil)	Cec
3. Liberty	Car	3. Lansdowne	B Co	3. Friendly	PG	3. Rising Sun	Cec
4. Winters Mill	Car	4. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	4. Gwynn Park	PG	4. Fallston	Hfd
		5. New Town	B Co	5. Potomac	PG	5. Harford Tech	Hfd
		6. Owings Mills	B Co			6. North Harford	Hfd
		7. Randallstown	B Co				
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Glenelg	How	1. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	1. Calvert	Cal	1. North Caroline	Cin
2. Hammond	How	2. Patterson	Balt	2. Patuxent	Cal	2. Kent Island	Qa
3. Oakland Mills	How	3. Southwestern	Balt	3. La Plata	Cha	3. Queen Anne's	Qa
4. Middletown	Fre	4. Chesapeake	B Co	4. Lackey	Cha	4. Easton	Tal
5. Walkersville	Fre	5. Eastern Technical	B Co	5. McDonough	Cha	5. Parkside	Wic
6. Poolesville	Mtg	6. Overlea	B Co	6. Thomas Stone	Cha	6. Wicomico	Wic
		7. Sparrows Point	B Co	7. Westlake	Cha		
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
REGION I		REGION I		REGION I		REGION I	
1. Allegany	All	1. ACCE	Balt	1. Chesapeake Science Point	AA	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec
2. Fort Hill	All	2. Edmondson/Westside	Balt	2. Loch Raven	B Co	2. Perryville	Cec
3. Mountain Ridge	All	3. Forest Park	Balt	3. Pikesville	B Co	3. Havre de Grace	Hfd
4. Northern (Gar.)	G	4. Frederick Douglass-B	Balt	4. Western STES	B Co	4. Joppatowne	Hfd
5. Southern (Gar.)	G	5. New Era Academy	Balt	5. Francis Scott Key	Car	5. Patterson Mill	Hfd
		6. Seed School of Maryland	MD	6. South Carroll	Car		
REGION II		REGION II		REGION II		REGION II	
1. Brunswick	Fre	1. Benjamin Franklin	Balt	1. Central	PG	1. Colonel Richardson	Cin
2. Catoctin	Fre	2. Coppin Academy	Balt	2. CMIT North	PG	2. Kent County	K
3. Boonsboro	Was	3. Dunbar	Balt	3. CMIT South	PG	3. North Dorchester	Dor
4. Clear Spring	Was	4. Lake Clifton	Balt	4. College Park Academy	PG	4. Pocomoke	Wor
5. Hancock	Was	5. National Academy (NAF)	Balt	5. Crossland	PG	5. Snow Hill	Wor
6. Smithsburg	Was	6. Reginald Lewis	Balt	6. Int. School at Langley Park	PG		
7. Williamsport	Was			7. Largo	PG		
				8. Surrattsville	PG		