



2018 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2018 – 2019 Volleyball Committee Members

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Ms. Patricia Gonzalez

Mr. JJ Niamkey

MIAA Staff Liaison

Mr. Rich Riley

2018 Girls' Volleyball Tournament

Entry Requirements & Information	Dates	Tournament Directors
Season Schedule & Commitment Due	Received on or before: Sunday, September 30, 2018	
Tournament Entry Due	Received on or before: Wednesday, October 24, 2018	
LATE SUBMISSIONS	A \$300 per incident payment is required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required schedule committed late or with incomplete information. • Late submission of tournament entry • Incorrect final regular season record 	<u>West II & III</u> Ms. Debbie Loomer
Cut-off Date:	Monday, October 29, 2018 Results of matches played on cut-off date MUST be submitted electronically by 10PM.	<u>North I, II, III</u> Mr. Brian McNally
Seeding: North, South & Central @ MIAA 10:00 a.m. West @ 11:00 a.m. at Pioneer Valley Christian Academy	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	<u>South I, II, III</u> Ms. Joyce Skiff
Tournament Begins	Thursday, November 1, 2018	
Sectional Finals	Div I, Div II & III: Saturday, November 10, 2018 If needed, the alternate date of Sunday, November 11th will be utilized.	<u>Central East I & Central II & III</u> Ms. Judith Slamin
2018 State Semi-Finals <i>Division I</i> North vs. Central East Central West vs. South <i>Division II & III</i> North vs. Central West vs. South	Div I, II & III: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 If needed, the alternate date of Wednesday, November 14th will be utilized.	<u>Central West I & State</u> Ms. Terry Riley
Breakfast of Champions @ Worcester State University	Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.	
State Finals @ Worcester State University	Saturday, November 17, 2018 Divisions 1, 2, 3 Order and Times TBD	

The following must be submitted:

	Deadline
Season Schedule & Commitment	September 30, 2018
Tournament Entry	October 24, 2018
Official Tournament Roster	October 24, 2018
Team Sportsmanship Nomination	October 24, 2018

A. Tournament Divisions

1. The sectional and state tournaments will be conducted in three divisions (West 2 divisions).
2. Any possible play in league play-offs or tournaments must be indicated on the Tournament Intent to Enter and Tournament Entry.

B. Qualifying Criteria

1. Only the first three (3) matches against the same opponent (including matches which are part of a league play-off) will, and must, count toward tournament qualification.
2. A school must schedule and compete in a minimum of ten (10) qualifying matches to be eligible for tournament play.

C. Seeding

Ties will be resolved as follows*:

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Most Wins
3. League Champion
4. Record Against Common Opponents
5. Coin Flip

*If a tie involves multiple teams (more than 2) and a team is eliminated, the procedure starts over at step one with the remaining teams.

-West Seeding will continue to use the Modified Walker System.

D. Pairing Announcement

1. Pairings and Tournament Information will be available on www.miaa.net throughout the tournament.

E. Site Information

1. Early round matches will be hosted by the higher seeded team through the quarter-finals provided the site meets the criteria for a suitable facility as determined by the MIAA Volleyball Committee consistent with NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules & Regulations.

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2. Sectional Semi-Final and Final rounds, as well as State Semi-Final and Final rounds will be played at **predetermined sites**. These sites will be announced in advance. Please be aware that a team will play on their home site if that site has been predetermined as the tournament host. The MIAA Volleyball Committee has determined that these sites **MUST** have bleacher seating for at least 500.
 3. For State Semi-Final rounds, if possible, geographic consideration will be given to the sections participating in these matches.
 4. Through Sectional Quarter Final rounds, the host school will provide the written scorer, libero tracker, and scoreboard operator.
 5. The MIAA will begin compensation for all positions beginning with Sectional Semi-Final play.

F. Contest Rules

1. All matches shall be governed by rules stated in the NCAA 2018-2019 Women's Volleyball Rules, except as modified in the MIAA Handbook or this format.
 - a. The Volleyball Tournament will be three out of five sets, rally scoring to 25 points, with the 5th game to 15 points, must win by 2.
 - When a team reaches eight points in a deciding set, both teams change team areas without delay. (NCAA Rule 9.2.5.1).
 - b. Each team will consist of those players submitted on the Official Tournament Roster. These players only will be eligible and sit on the bench (Bench number not to exceed 18).
 - c. The decisions of the MIAA Volleyball Committee relative to the operation of the tournament shall be final. The Tournament Director or designated site manager is responsible for making all decisions at the site.

G. Officials

1. The best qualified rated and **MIAA Enrolled** Volleyball Officials available will be assigned to all tournament matches.
2. Officials must have officiated a minimum of 10 MIAA high school matches during the regular season.
3. When possible there will be four officials at all tournament matches – to be used as follows: first official, second official, two line judges.
4. Officials will be used as written scorers and libero trackers beginning with sectional semi-finals.
5. The Tournament Director will determine an assignor(s) who will be responsible for assigning officials.
6. No high school student is allowed to be a line judge.

H. Postponement

The rescheduling of a postponed tournament match will be the decision of the MIAA Staff Liaison and Tournament Director after consultation with the two principals of the schools involved.

I. Practice Regulations

No competing team is to practice on a tournament site after having qualified for the tournament. (Exception – if it is a team’s home site.)

J. Official Ball

The official Spalding VB5 (Red/White/Blue) volleyball will be used beginning with the Sectional Semi-Final rounds and continuing through the State Finals and will be provided by the Tournament Directors.

K. Team Roster

Team rosters shall include a maximum of eighteen (18) players. In addition, each team will be allowed not more than eight (8) additional people on the bench for a total of twenty-six (26). These eight (8) people shall include coaches, managers, and medical personnel. NO spectators are allowed on the bench. Each team is to bring to the tournament site one hundred (100) team rosters for distribution to spectators and press.

L. Medical Coverage

A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician’s assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all tournament contests. Coverage and compensation for medical coverage will be the host school’s responsibility through Sectional Quarter Finals. The MIAA will begin compensation starting with Sectional Semi-Final play.

M. Participating School Supervision Protocol (Sectional Finals – State Semi-finals – State Finals)

- No later than 24 hours before game, please contact the respective Tournament Director with the names of your school’s designated site supervisors.
- The list should include a minimum of **3 supervisors. (Principal or designee, Athletic Director or designee, and a minimum of one additional).**
- Supervisors are asked to arrive at the game site and sign in with the Tournament Director or designated Site Director no later than 30 minutes before game time.
- Upon arrival, the Tournament/Site Director shall review the roles/responsibilities, to include:
 - Observe and monitor the school’s spectators upon entrance into the gymnasium and assist in seating students in your designated area. **It is understood that the Tournament Director/Site Supervisor will determine and post the designated student seating section for all participating schools.**
 - Remain stationed in close proximity to your spectator section. The Site Director will request any specific supervisor placements based on venue and spectator needs.
 - Remain visible to your spectator base and accessible to tournament staff until spectators exit gymnasium.
 - Help ensure positive behaviors and sportsmanship.
 - Assist in ensuring that no one other than team players, bench personnel, and school leaders has access to the playing court (before, during, and after game).

❖ **Awards Ceremonies: Post-Game of Sectional Finals and State Final**

- Upon completion of game, the Principal and Athletic Director are asked to report to the scorers table and assist the Tournament Director with the program.
- Monitor post-game handshake.
- Assist with the team line-up as designed by the tournament staff.
- Assist with presenting medals and awards.

PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL / WARM-UP PROCEDURE

Sample Warm-up Procedure

Will be utilized in all MIAA Volleyball Tournament Contests

Actual Time (e.g. 7:00 match)	Visible Clock	Protocol
6:30 – 6:47	:30 - :13	COIN FLIP (Court available for shared warm-ups) <i>(NO hitting or serving across net)</i>
6:47 – 6:53	:13 - :07	Visiting Team Court
6:53 – 6:59	:07 - :01	Home Team Court
6:59 – 7:00	:01	Team Huddle / Announcements
7:00	:00	Match begins with introductions and National Anthem

A minimum of 30 minutes will be allotted between matches

MIAA Volleyball Tournament Protocol

Every tournament contest is the last game of the tournament for one team and their fans. Please do everything that you can to make every single volleyball tournament match that you host a special event for the participating students.

Before the contest:

1. Contact the Athletic Director of the visiting school(s) and insure that they know how to get to your school, when to arrive and if you are going to sell tickets at the contest. Tell them where to park their buses and where fans are expected to park. Arrange to have a trainer present at every tournament site.
2. Prepare a secure place for officials to meet and change. Keep in mind that you may have male and female officials.
3. Ensure that the officials use the Warm-up-Protocol as published in the Volleyball Tournament Format. Have a copy available at the scorer's table.
4. Provide a scorer, scoreboard operator, libero tracker and announcer.
5. Make sure that the officials meet with the coaches, and that officials and captains hold a pre-game meeting addressing proper conduct of the match and expectations for sportsmanship. Read the MIAA Taunting Policy.
6. Announce the names of **all** individual players, coaches and officials before the contest.
7. Play the National Anthem immediately before the match begins.

State and Sectional Semi-final and Final Matches:

1. Make sure that each coach and captains are informed regarding where they should report and what they should do during the Awards Ceremony if one is to be conducted. Instruct the announcer to ask fans to remain seated until the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony. Place chaperones and security personnel on the perimeter of the playing area 10 minutes before the conclusion of the match to keep fans off of the playing court until the conclusion of the award ceremony.
2. All participants should march onto the playing court. Your local facility will determine the marching protocol.
3. The order of marching is:
 - 1st Official
 - 2nd Official
 - Other dressed officials
 - Team Members
 - Coaches

