



2017 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2017 – 2018 Volleyball Committee Members

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2017 Girls' Volleyball Tournament

Entry Requirements & Information	Dates	Tournament Directors
Season Schedule & Commitment Due	Received on or before: September 30, 2017	
Tournament Entry Due	Received on or before: October 25, 2017 Results MUST be submitted electronically.	
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> Debbie Loomer
Cut-off Date:	October 30, 2017 Results of matches played on cut-off date MUST be submitted electronically by 10PM.	<u>North I, II, III</u> Brian McNally
Seeding: North, South & Central @ MIAA 10:00 a.m. West @ 11:00 a.m. at Agawam High School	October 31, 2017	<u>South I, II, III</u> Joyce Skiff
Tournament Begins	November 2, 2017	
Sectional Finals	Div I, Div II & III: November 11-12, 2017	<u>Central East I & Central II & III</u> Judith Slamin
<u>2017 State Semi-Finals</u> <i>Division I</i> North vs. Central West Central East vs. South <i>Division II & III</i> North vs. West Central vs. South	Div I, II & III: November 15, 2017 If needed, the alternate date of November 14th will be utilized.	<u>Central West I & State</u> Terry Riley
Breakfast of Champions @ Worcester State University	Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.	
State Finals Worcester State University	<u>November 18, 2017</u> 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	

The following must be submitted:

	Deadline
Season Schedule & Commitment	September 30, 2017
Tournament Entry	October 25, 2017
Official Tournament Roster	October 25, 2017
Team Sportsmanship Nomination	October 25, 2017

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

Seeding will be based on overall seeding won/lost percentage. Ties will be resolved as follows:

1. Head-to-Head Results (the Volleyball Committee voted that the results of an "excluded" match would be utilized under seeding step 1, head to head results).

The team with the "advantage" in head-to-head competition (1-0, 2-0, and 2-1) will be given the higher seed.

If there is a "go-around" lack of resolution between three or more teams (A beats B, B beats C, C beats A), a blind draw will determine placement.

2. If tie still exists after applying #1 above, a blind draw will determine placement.
3. 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. All matches prior to the Sectional Finals will be played on the home court of the higher seeded team **unless the Tournament Director determines this court is unsuitable for tournament play**. Neutral sites will be utilized for sectional finals, state semi-finals and finals.
2. ***The MIAA Volleyball Committee has approved that sites used for sectional and state semi-final and final matches MUST have bleacher seating for 500.***
3. Criteria for a suitable facility have been determined by the MIAA Volleyball Committee consistent with NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules & Regulations.
4. **NEW:** Through sectional quarter finals, the host school will provide a written scorer, libero tracker, and scoreboard scorer. During sectional semi-final play, the host school will provide the scoreboard scorer, while the MIAA will schedule the written scorer and the libero tracker. The MIAA will begin compensation for all these positions beginning with sectional semi-final play.

F. Contest Rules

1. All matches shall be governed by rules stated in the NCAA 2017-2018 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.

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4. Officials will be used as written scorers and libero trackers beginning with sectional semi-finals.
 5. 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 game volleyball will be the Spalding VB5 (Red/White/Blue). The Tournament Director will provide game balls beginning with the Sectional Semi-Final matches.

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. This coverage will be provided by the host school through sectional semi-final play. 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

