



2009 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2009 – 2010 Volleyball Committee Members

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Mr. Wade DuBois

At-Large Representative

Ms. Patricia Gonzalez

MIAA Staff Liaison
Mr. Tony Romano
Assistant Director MIAA

2009 Girls' Volleyball Tournament

Entry Requirements & Information	Dates	Tournament Directors
Season Schedule & Commitment Form Due	Received on or before: September 30, 2009	Central West & State Nick Zacchilli
Tournament Entry Form Due	Received on or before: Thursday, October 29, 2009	
Cut-off Date:	Tuesday, November 3, 2009	North Brian McNally
Seeding: North, South & Central @ MIAA 10:00 a.m. West @ 9:00 a.m. at Turner's Fall High School	Wednesday, November 4, 2009	
First Round	November 6-8, 2009	South Nick Zacchilli
Sectional Quarter Finals	November 9-11, 2009	
Sectional Semi-Finals	November 11-13, 2009	
Sectional Finals	Div I, Div II & III: November 14-15, 2009	Central East & Central II & III Judith Slamin
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: November 17-19, 2009	
State Finals TBA	November 21 Div. I: 6:00 p.m. Div. II: 3:00 p.m. Div. III: 12:00 p.m.	West Debbie Loomer
<i>Principal or Athletic Director - Please be available to receive calls on November 4th</i>		

The following forms must be submitted:

Form	Deadline
Season Schedule & Commitment Form	September 30, 2009
Facility Requirements Form	September 30, 2009
Tournament Entry Form	October 29, 2009
Official Tournament Roster	October 29, 2009
Recommendation of Officials Form	October 29, 2009
Tournament Code of Conduct Form	October 29, 2009
Team Sportsmanship Nomination Form	November 6, 2009

A. Site Information

1. All matches prior to the Sectional Final Round 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 and State semi-finals and finals.
2. ***The MIAA Volleyball Committee requires that sites used for semi-final matches MUST have minimum bleacher seating for 500 and sufficient parking for spectators.***
3. Criteria for a suitable facility has been determined by the MIAA Volleyball Committee consistent with NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules & Regulations.
4. ***The host school/higher seed will provide a scorekeeper, Libero tracker, scoreboard operator and medical coverage.***

B. 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 Forms.

C. Pairing Announcement

1. The Principal / Athletic Director will be contacted by the Tournament Director. It may be after 2:00 pm.
2. The Principal / Athletic Director will continue to be contacted throughout the tournament to provide information on next match and site.
3. Pairings and Tournament Information will be available on www.miaa.net throughout the tournament

D. 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.

E. 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.)

F. Official Ball

The MIAA official ball is the **Reebok VR6000** which is in accordance with the rule book specifications. The Tournament Director will provide game balls beginning with the Sectional Semi-Final matches.

G. Team Roster

Each team is to bring to the tournament site one hundred (100) team rosters for distribution to spectators and press.

H. Contest Rules

***1. All matches shall be governed by rules stated in the NCAA 2009-2010 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.
 1. When a team reaches eight points in a deciding set, both teams change team areas without delay. (NCAA Rule 9.2.5.1 pg. VR 51)
- 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.

I. 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.

J. Officials

1. The best qualified rated and **MIAA Enrolled** Volleyball Officials available will be assigned to all tournament matches.
2. Officials must have officiated 10 MIAA high school matches during the regular season.
3. At all tournament matches there will be four officials – to be used as follows: first official, second official, two line judges. First and second officials will hold state/national rating when possible.
4. Officials will be used as scorers/libero tracker scoreboard operators and line judges for the sectional finals, state semi-finals and finals.
5. No high school student is allowed to be a line judge.

K. Medical Coverage

A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be provided/compensated by the Host School in tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage beginning at sectional tournament play.

PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL / WARM-UP PROCEDURE

Please schedule match times that allow a with reasonable time to arrive at the contest site.

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 part. 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, 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 the 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

