

VOLLEYBALL

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VOLLEYBALL

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

CLASS “AA”, “A” AND “B”

2009-10

Practice	Monday, Week 7	August 17
First Match	Friday, Week 8	August 28
Final Date Sub-state †	Saturday, Week 19	November 14
State Tourney	Thurs.-Sat., Week 20	November 19-21
Season Ends **	Saturday, Week 20	November 21

2010-11

Practice	Monday, Week 7	August 16
First Match	Friday, Week 8	August 27
Final Date Sub-state †	Saturday, Week 19	November 13
State Tourney	Thurs.-Sat., Week 20	November 18-20
Season Ends **	Saturday, Week 20	November 20

2011-12

Practice	Monday, Week 7	August 15
First Match	Friday, Week 8	August 27
Final Date Sub-state †	Saturday, Week 19	November 12
State Tourney	Thurs.-Sat., Week 20	November 17-19
Season Ends **	Saturday, Week 20	November 19

† -- All-State Chorus and Orchestra (ASCO) is held on Thurs-Sat of Week 17. (October 29-31, 2009; October 28-30, 2010; October 27-29, 2011) Volleyball matches may not be scheduled on Friday and Saturday of ASCO regardless of the site of the match or the site of ASCO. *Because of the limited number of dates available for regular season volleyball matches during the week of ASCO, schools may use the Thursday prior to ASCO to schedule a volleyball match. Prior to scheduling, schools should follow the resolution which was adopted by the SDHSAA Board of Directors: “If it is necessary to schedule activities at the local level on the dates of an SDHSAA state event, it is recommended that priority be given to the students who qualified for the state event.”*

-- It is recommended that volleyball district tournaments be played Week 18 (Tu/Th/Fri) Nov. 3, 5, 6, 2009; Nov. 2, 4, 5, 2010; Nov. 1, 3, 4, 2011.

-- It is recommended that volleyball region tournaments be played Week 19 (Mon/Tu/Th) Nov. 9, 10, 12, 2009; Nov. 8, 9, 11, 2010; Nov. 7, 8, 10, 2011.

** Out-of season is defined as that period of time after a team or individual has been eliminated from further competition during the championship series of district-region-state tournaments/meets and continues until the first allowable date that the next regular season may begin.

For sub-varsity levels of competition, out of season begins the day following the last interscholastic competition and continues until the first allowable date that the next regular season may begin.

STATE MEET SITES AND DATES

2009	B-A	Watertown	Nov. 19-21
2009	AA	Brookings	Nov. 19-21
2010	B	Huron	Nov. 18-20
2010	A	Aberdeen	Nov. 18-20
2010	AA	Yankton	Nov. 18-20
2011	B-A-AA	Sioux Falls	Nov. 17-19

Participation in school activities teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one’s school. Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of “growing up” experiences for students. Participants learn to accept success and failures, gain poise and confidence, achieve tolerance and understanding of others and gain the self-satisfaction of accomplishing goals. Under a well-administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observation of activities conducted under established rules. Please refer to **the Sportsmanship Section of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook** for policies and statements concerning the following items:

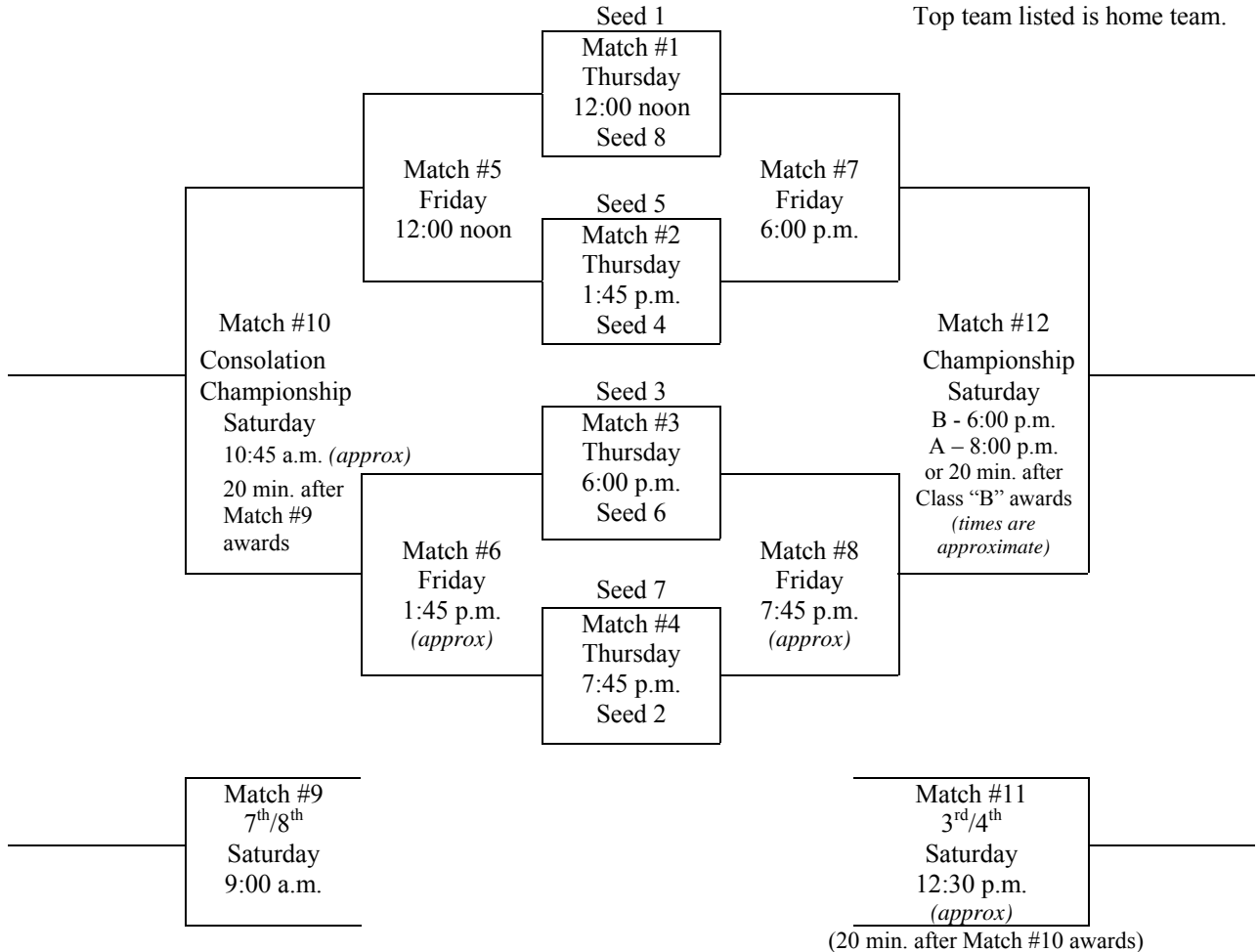
General Sports Objectives and Coaching Responsibility
 Fundamentals of Sportsmanship
 Racial Harassment, Violence and Taunting (See General Section)

Athletic Code of Ethics
 Code of Sport Ethics for Coaches

**2009 STATE CLASS "B" AND "A" VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 19-21, 2009
WATERTOWN CIVIC ARENA – WATERTOWN**

All times listed are Central Time.

Top team listed is home team.



Awards presentation follows immediately after matches #9, #10, #11, and #12.

Thursday Matches

Session 1

Match 1 – 12:00 noon
Match 2 – 1:45 p.m.

Session 2

Match 3 – 6:00 p.m.
Match 4 – 7:45p.m.

Friday Matches

Session 3

Match 5 – 12:00 noon
Match 6 – 1:45 p.m. (approx)

Session 4

Match 7 – 6:00 p.m.
Match 8 – 7:45 p.m. (approx)

Saturday Matches

Session 5

Match 9 – 9:00 a.m. – awards to follow
Match 10 – 20 min. following Match 9 awards
Match 11 – 20 min. following Match 10 awards
(time is approximate)

Session 6 – All Classes Championships

*Match 12 - Class B – 6:00 p.m.
*Match 12 - Class A – 8:00 p.m. (approx)
20 min. following Class B awards
*Televised on SDPB

**2009 STATE CLASS "B" AND "A" VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 19-21, 2009
WATERTOWN CIVIC ARENA – WATERTOWN**

All times listed are Central Time.

THURSDAY				
Session	Match	Time		
I	1	12:00 noon	seed 1 vs. seed 8	Opening Round
	2	1:45 p.m.	seed 5 vs. seed 4	Opening Round
II	3	6:00 p.m.	seed 3 vs. seed 6	Opening Round
	4	7:45 p.m.	seed 7 vs. seed 2	Opening Round

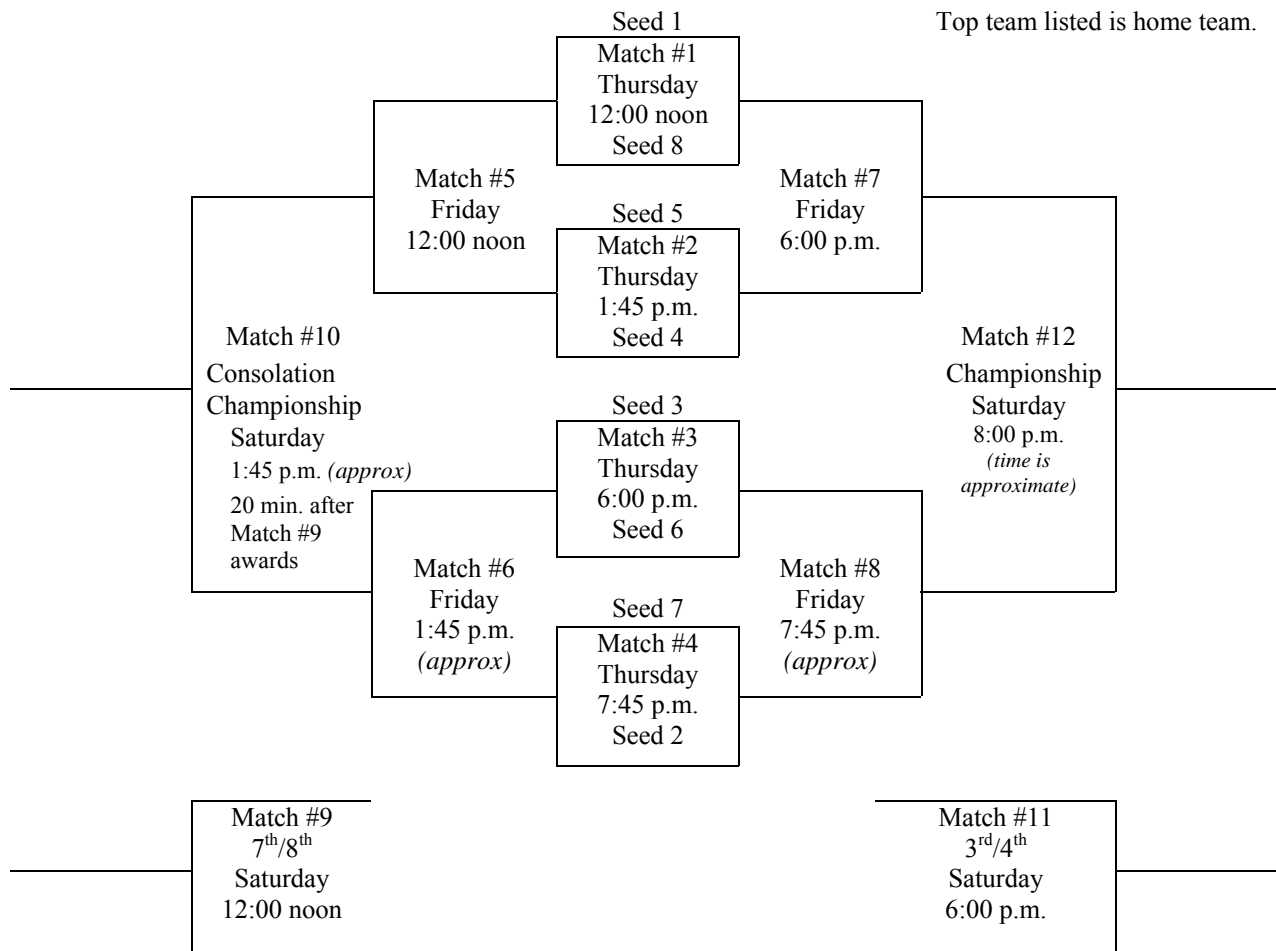
FRIDAY				
Session	Match	Time		
III	5	12:00 noon	loser 1 vs. loser 2	Consolation Semi-final
	6	1:45 p.m. (approx.)	loser 3 vs. loser 4	Consolation Semi-final
IV	7	6:00 p.m.	winner 1 vs. winner 2	Semi-final
	8	7:45 p.m. (approx.)	winner 3 vs. winner 4	Semi-final

SATURDAY				
Session	Match	Time		
V	9	9:00 a.m.	loser 5 vs. loser 6	7th and 8th place
	10	*10:45 a.m.	winner 5 vs. winner 6	5th and 6th place
	11	*12:30 p.m.	loser 7 vs. loser 8	3rd and 4th place
<p>*Times are approximate. Award ceremonies will follow immediately after each match. Match 10 and Match 11 will follow previous award ceremonies.</p>				
VI	12	6:00 p.m. *8:00 p.m. (approx)	Class "B" Class "A"	Championship Match Championship Match
<p>Awards will be presented immediately following each match. *Time of the final match is approximate. It will follow the award presentation for the previous match.</p>				

**2009 STATE CLASS “AA” VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 19-21, 2009
FROST ARENA-SDSU - BROOKINGS**

All times listed are Central Time.

Top team listed is home team.



Awards presentation follows immediately after matches #9, #10, #11, and #12.

Thursday Matches

Session 1

Match 1 – 12:00 noon
Match 2 – 1:45 p.m.

Session 2

Match 3 – 6:00 p.m.
Match 4 – 7:45p.m.

Friday Matches

Session 3

Match 5 – 12:00 noon
Match 6 – 1:45 p.m. (*approx*)

Session 4

Match 7 – 6:00 p.m.
Match 8 – 7:45 p.m. (*approx*)

Saturday Matches

Session 5

Match 9 – 12:00 noon – awards to follow
Match 10 – 20 min. following Match 9 awards

Session 6

Match 11 – 6:00 p.m. – awards to follow
*Match 12 - Class AA championship – 8:00 p.m.
(*time is approximate*)

2009 STATE CLASS "AA" VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2009

FROST ARENA-SDSU - BROOKINGS

All times listed are Central Time.

THURSDAY				
Session	Match	Time		
I	1	12:00 noon	seed 1 vs. seed 8	Opening Round
	2	1:45 p.m.	seed 5 vs. seed 4	Opening Round
II	3	6:00 p.m.	seed 3 vs. seed 6	Opening Round
	4	7:45 p.m.	seed 7 vs. seed 2	Opening Round

FRIDAY				
Session	Match	Time		
III	5	12:00 noon	loser 1 vs. loser 2	Consolation Semi-final
	6	1:45 p.m.	loser 3 vs. loser 4	Consolation Semi-final
IV	7	6:00 p.m.	winner 1 vs. winner 2	Semi-final
	8	7:45 p.m.	winner 3 vs. winner 4	Semi-final

SATURDAY				
Session	Match	Time		
V	9	12:00 noon	loser 5 vs. loser 6	7th and 8th place
	10	*1:45 p.m.	winner 5 vs. winner 6	5th and 6th place
VI	11	6:00 p.m.	loser 7 vs. loser 8	3rd and 4th place
	12	*8:00 p.m.	winner 7 vs. winner 8	Championship Match

**Awards will be presented immediately following the matches
in Sessions V and VI.**

***Times for Match 10 and the Championship Match are approximate. They will
proceed immediately following the award procedure for the previous match.**

2009-10 VOLLEYBALL RULE REVISIONS

2-1-1: Clarifies the court and the adjacent playable area must be flat, smooth and free of obstructions other than required equipment and padding.

Rationale: Clarifies court/floor requirements for playable area.

3-2-1: Beginning in 2010-11, the game ball may be either solid white or a maximum combination of three colors (with each panel being a solid color) and of which at least one-third of the panels shall be solid white.

Rationale: Allows for the optional use of the colored-panel ball beginning with the 2010-11 season. The colored-panel ball makes it easier to track for players/spectators and adds excitement to the game.

4-1-5: Unadorned bobby pins, no longer than 2 inches, may be worn to control a player's hair.

Rationale: Allows players a practical means of dealing with hair control.

5-3-4d: Prior to the deciding set, captains will be called for the coin toss by the R1 and then teams shall be released to their team bench.

Rationale: Releasing teams to their bench rather than the end line during the deciding-set coin toss will allow coaches to provide instruction and facilitate players being ready to take the court for the final set.

5-4-3b New 10: The second referee has the responsibility to manage illegal libero replacements.

Rationale: Adds to the responsibilities of the second referee.

9-4-5: A legal contact is a touch of the ball by any part of the player's body.

Rationale: In today's fast-paced game, allowing legal contact of the ball by any part of the player's body will assist in keeping the ball in play and provide longer and more exciting rallies.

10-2-3: If more than one substitution is to occur, the substitutions shall be made in succession. One pair of players after another and only one substitute shall be in the substitution zone at a time.

Rationale: The procedure of recording multiple substitutions becomes easier for the scorer to record. This will speed up the substitution process and assist in maintaining the tempo of play.

12-2-5: Clarifies when an assistant coach may stand and actions the coach may perform.

Rationale: Clarifies the role and bench decorum of the assistant coach now that the head coach has the privilege to stand during the match.

12-2-6, 9-1-1: During play, allows the head coach to stand in the replacement zone, no closer to the sideline than 6 feet, to coach his/her players.

Rationale: Due to the growing spectator popularity, resulting in louder crowd noise, this change will allow the head coach to communicate more effectively with his/her players. The permitted location for standing preserves the necessary area for clear line of sight by the second referee and line judges to observe play and playable area around the court for the players.

Major Editorial Changes

Rule 1-2-1: A match shall consist of the best three-out-of-five sets. GAME has been changed to SET throughout rules.

3, 4-1 Heading,

Rule 10-3-5: When a player is rendered unconscious or apparently unconscious during a set, the player shall not be permitted to resume participation that day without written authorization from a physician (MD/DO)

11-4-2, How to Use the Signals: 4, 19, 20, 21; Casebook: 4-1, 10-3-5, Signals: New b, 6 NOTE, 13, 20, 21, 23

Points of Emphasis

1. Head Coach Standing
2. Match Officials' Responsibilities
3. Ball Handling
4. Libero Uniform

SOUTH DAKOTA CHANGES

None this school year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASSIFICATION AND ALIGNMENTS

NOTE: Classification for the 2009-2010 school year is according to the Average Daily Membership from the 2008-2009 school year grades 9-11.

- The member schools of the South Dakota High School Activities Association are divided into three classes in the sport of volleyball. These shall be known as Class “B”, “A” and “AA”. The classification formula for volleyball will be based upon 2008-2009 ADM’s, grades 9-11, as follows:

Class AA	450.000 and above
Class A	449.999-90.000
Class B	89.999 and below

- The Board of Directors will grant permission to any school to participate in a higher classification than their ADM (9-11) places them. If a school requests and is granted permission, they will remain in the higher classification for a two-year alignment period. At the end of the two years, they could exercise their option again if they so desire. If a school requests to move up in one activity they must move up one classification in all other activities that use the same classification formula. The SDHSAA must be notified by July 1.
- When a coop is formed or if through consolidation, a current class “B” school moves up to Class “A”, the newly created Class “A” school will be immediately aligned into the nearest Class “A” district and region. There will be no movement in the Class “B” district(s)/region(s) until the next alignment period.

ON-LINE SCHEDULES AND ROSTERS DUE

- Volleyball schedules and rosters must be completed on the SDHSAA website form. These must be posted on the website forms no later than September 1. The completed schedule will serve as the school’s seeding form. **Failure to post the school’s volleyball schedule or roster on the website by September 1st will result in a \$50.00 fine.**

MATCH LIMITATION

- All squads (varsity, J.V., “B”, etc.) are restricted to a maximum of 20 matches for Class AA and 19 matches for Classes A and B:
 - This **includes** three tournaments.
 - All triangulars count as **two** duals.
 - The dual/tournament configuration is as follows:
 - Class AA:**
 - 20 duals – no tournaments
 - 19 duals – one tournament
 - 18 duals – 2 tournament
 - 17 duals – 3 tournaments
 - Classes A & B**
 - 19 duals – no tournaments
 - 18 duals – 1 tournament
 - 17 duals – 2 tournaments
 - 16 duals – 3 tournaments
 - Note: Any configuration of teams whereby a team plays one match (two teams at the site) or two matches (triangular or a quad when each team plays two matches) will be considered as an individual match, i.e. *each match counts as a dual*. Triangulars are double duals.

MATCH LIMITATION INTERPRETATIONS

# of Teams	Counts as . . .	Match Format
2	One Dual	3 of 5
3	Two Duals	3 of 5
4	Play 2 matches: Two Duals	3 of 5
*4	Play 3 matches: Tournament	2 of 3 or 3 of 5
*5 or more	Tournament	2 of 3 or 3 of 5

*If a team plays 3 or more matches in one day, it will be considered a tournament for that team. Host school determines match format (2 of 3 or 3 of 5).

- NO exception** to the interpretation that all triangulars will count as two duals.
- NOTE:** The maximum number of tournaments a team may play is 3. By definition, a tournament is an event whereby a team has the possibility to play three or more matches and a tournament champion or overall winner is determined. The tournament could be scheduled over more than one day and all teams involved must count the event as a tournament.

Length of Sets & Matches–Tournaments–Match Format

1. All matches considered duals MUST be 3 out of 5 set matches played to 25 points (no cap) with 15 point deciding set (no cap).
2. All matches played in a tournament may be played using 2 of 3 **OR** 3 of 5. In 2 of 3 set matches, all sets must be played to 25 including the deciding set (no cap on any set). For 3 of 5 set matches, sets are played to 25 with the deciding set played to 15 (no cap on any set).
Reminder: All matches played for seed points must be complete matches, either 3 of 5 or 2 of 3, played to regulation points (note out-of-state exception).
3. Out-of-state tournaments must play the first two sets to 25 in a 2 of 3 set match with the deciding set played to site tournament rules (may be less than 25). 3 of 5 set matches are played to regulation (25 point sets with the deciding set to 15).
4. Schools will determine match format for teams below the varsity level. Match format for sub-varsity matches **must** be decided prior to the start of the match.

Team Practice

- All volleyball teams shall not participate in a volleyball match unless the team has had two full weeks of practice. This regulation does not apply to individuals. The two full weeks of practice is interpreted to mean ten practice days counting Monday through Saturday prior to the first contest. One day is considered one practice day regardless of the number of times a team practices in a day.

Game Contracts

- According to Article VIII, Section 2 of the SDHSAA Constitution, all contests must be sanctioned by the Athletic Director, Principal or Superintendent of the schools involved. It is recommended that game contracts, as furnished by the SDHSAA (located under the General Sport Information tab, forms GENERAL-#4 and GENERAL-#5), be used for all levels of competition including regular season games and meets, as well as tournaments, invitational, and double-headers, etc.

Contracting Matches

- When contracting volleyball matches, game contracts as well as official's contracts, the following items are to be made clear on the contract.
 1. Level of match ("C", "B", "A", JV, varsity, etc.)
 2. Number of sets in the match or any set limitations placed on the match. (2 of 3, 3 of 5, etc.)
 3. Match starting time for each match contracted. This can be an approximation, however, teams and officials must know when to arrive. (Don't tell the varsity officials 6:00 p.m. if the "C" match starts at that time.)
 4. Clarify if the "C" match officials are to line judge the varsity match. If so, compensation must be indicated.

NOTE: If any of the four items are not known at the time the contract is drawn up, the item may be clarified at a later date, but must be clear prior to the day of the match.

Sanction With Non-Members

- The SDHSAA will not sanction any games with a college team, independent team, alumni team, or any other non-school team comprised of adults. Sanction will be approved with an unaccredited non-high school team provided the member school submits the appropriate form published in the Sanction section of the Athletic Handbook.

Rule Book

- The Volleyball Rule Book as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations shall govern girls' volleyball in member schools of the SDHSAA except where modified by the SDHSAA.

Eligibility

- All participants shall be eligible under the Constitution and By-Laws of the SDHSAA. Eligibility lists must be submitted to the Association Office.

Player Limitation

1. **Starting player rule. There is no longer a starting player rule. This means coaches do not need to hold back the starting players for the varsity match. The only limitation is the set limitation per individual.**
2. **Set Limitation Rule.** In matches with **more than one level** of competition such as varsity, jr. varsity, or "C", no one individual can play more than five sets against a common opponent in "best of three" matches. In matches playing "best of five" sets, a seven set limitation will be placed on all players.
If a player participates in a "best of three" for Jr. varsity and plays in a "best of five" for varsity, the seven set limitation will apply.
Penalty: The penalty for player set limitation violation will be unnecessary delay (time out) and entry into the set is denied to that competitor.
3. In tournaments with only **one level of competition** a player limitation is not required.
4. **Procedure:** The number of sets a player has participated in from previous match(es) must be noted in the roster. The scorekeeper then transfers this information to the score book. The scorekeeper must notify the R2 who will in turn administer the penalty.

5. **Two Levels of Competition.**

- a. **Tournaments:** A player may only play on **one team**. Exception: A player may be moved from a lower level to upper level during a tournament to replace an upper level player that has been injured, becomes ill, is disciplined or if the upper level team is short of players. An example might be that players are taking ACT tests and will arrive at the tournament after the start time. Lower level players must always move down once the minimum number of players is in attendance for the varsity match. Once a player moves up, she must stay at the upper level for the duration of the tournament if the movement was based on injury, illness or disciplinary action. The player that was replaced is not eligible for the duration of the tournament. This may only occur before the beginning of an upper level match, not during a match.
 - b. **Duals:** When varsity and junior varsity matches are being played at the same time, coaches may place a player's name on both rosters. When the lower level match is completed, the player may join the upper level match in progress. However, an upper level player could not be moved down to the lower level match.
6. The set limitation rule does not apply for any "not needed" set such as when a 3rd or 5th set is played after the match has been decided.
 7. The player limitation rule does not apply when all matches within the session are being played at the same level, i.e. two 9th grade matches.
 8. The player limitation rule applies to 7th and 8th graders when they are moved up to a 9th grade or higher match within the same session. If 7th and 8th grade players stay within 7th and 8th grade competition, the player limitation rules does not apply.
 9. South Dakota volleyball teams will always follow the South Dakota match limitation rule when playing in neighboring states.

Registered/Certified Officials Mandatory

1. Member schools must use registered/certified officials (R1 and R2) for all varsity regular season sets.
2. Line judges for regular season varsity matches must be trained, capable adults. The host school has the option of hiring registered/certified officials. Note: Line judges are not to use flags.
3. The set is administered by an R1 and R2. Assistant officials include scorers, timers, and two or four line judges. There shall be no exchange of duties by the R1 and R2 during a match.
4. It is recommended, but not required, that member schools use registered officials for all sub-varsity sets.
5. The SDHSAA office publishes a directory of all "registered" and "certified" officials.
6. Only certified officials shall be eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments, including any certified official with an out-of-state address/residency, provided the registration is exclusive to the SDHSAA. Students from out-of-state attending a South Dakota college or university, are eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments, provided they are a certified official registered with the SDHSAA. Officials registered with sister state associations, who have paid the reciprocity fee to the SDHSAA, are not eligible for sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments.
7. IF THREE MATCHES ("C", "B", and "A") ARE SCHEDULED WITH AN OPPONENT DURING THE SAME SESSION. DO NOT HAVE THE HIRED "Registered" or "Certified" OFFICIALS OFFICIATE THE "C" LEVEL MATCH. "C" level matches may be officiated by local personnel that are interested in volleyball but may not be registered. If the licensed officials work the match, please note this on their contracts.
8. It is recommended that:
 - a. Officials be paid on a per match basis during regular season tournaments.
 - b. Officials be paid on a per match basis during sub-state tournaments including line judging assignments.
9. If an official backs out of a contract without mutual agreement with the contracting schools, athletic directors may file a "non-formal" complaint with the SDHSAA based on a breach of the officials' code of ethics. This violation could mean loss of eligibility for sub-state and state contests in the sport the violation occurred. Each contract violation is evaluated on a case by case basis.

Coach Requirements

1. All head coaches must complete an on-line rules meeting. Assistant coaches are encouraged to also complete the on-line rules meeting, but it is not mandatory.
2. In addition to completing the on-line rules meeting, each head coach must complete and pass the on-line open book test in the sport. Again, it is recommended that assistant coaches also take and pass the on-line open book test, but it is not mandatory.
3. The Board of Directors has adopted the following penalty code for non-compliance of this policy:
 - A fine of \$50.00 will be assessed against the member school if the head coach fails to submit and pass the on-line open book test, or view the on-line rules meeting. If both the test and rules meeting are omitted, the fine is \$75.00.
4. The above is being done in an attempt to improve knowledge of the rules among the high school coaches. Notification of testing dates and procedures will be sent to Athletic Directors of each school.

Equipment

1. Penalties for Illegal Set Equipment:

- a. When the host school does not pad the standards, floor/wall cables and referee's platform according to Rule 3-1-3, the match shall not be played and the SDHSAA shall be notified.

- b. When game equipment, other than required padding, does not meet rule specifications, the match shall be conducted, and the improper conditions reported to the SDHSAA.
2. **Balls**
- The ball shall be spherical with a laceless molded cover of 12 or more white pieces of genuine or simulated leather. It shall measure at least 25 inches but no more than 27 inches in circumference, with a weight of 9-10 ounces when inflated with 4.3-4.6 pounds per square inch of air pressure.
 - The home team shall provide match balls.
 - The ball shall include the **NFHS Authenticating Mark**. The mark can be displayed in either format.
NOTE: Information of the National Federation Authenticating Marks and SDHSAA Official Tournament Balls can be found in the General Section of the Athletic Handbook.
A current list of NFHS authenticated products can be found on the Web site, nfhs.org.
 - The Baden Model #15-0 will be the official and exclusive ball for all sub-state and state tournaments.** The ball must be used during all district, region and state tournament matches. Baden has agreed to provide one volleyball for each district and region tournament as well as 24 volleyballs per year for the state tournament.
3. **Padding** - "Padded" denotes slow recovery, shock-absorbing material to surround equipment. Volleyball standards, referee's platform and floor/wall cables must be padded as follows:
- Standards be padded to a minimum height of 5½' with at least 1" thick, resilient, shock absorbing material (such as polyethylene foam) to encase the uprights and all tensioning devices.
 - Front and sides of referee's platform be protected in the same manner as the standards.
 - Any guy cables or rigid braces be padded to a minimum height of 5 1/2' with at least 1/2" thick, resilient, shock absorbing material.
4. **The Net and Markings** - The net shall be 3' wide overall (or 1 meter) and at least 32' in length when stretched. It shall consist of 4" square mesh of at least No. 21 size dark, natural, or synthetic cord. A plain white 2" wide double thickness of canvas or single thickness of durable synthetic material shall be sewn along the full length of the top of the net. Through the top shall run a 1/8" to 3/16" diameter flexible steel cable (or aramid-type fiber cable, no more than 1/4" thick which is no heavier, has no more stretch and has at least as much tensile strength as the required steel cable.) Through the bottom shall run a 1/8" to 3/16" diameter flexible steel cable or a 1/4 inch rope. Through each side may be inserted a 1/2" to 1" wide wooden, metal or fiberglass rod which, when the net is installed, holds the sided perpendicular to the floor.
Note: Net systems which do not have a cable/rope through the top or bottom of the net are legal provided they meet all other rule specifications and the entire net remains taut at the specified net height.
5. **Covering:** Any exposed steel cable and/or metal tensioning device through the top and bottom of the net shall be covered. "Covered" is the use of lightweight material to surround equipment to preclude its abrasive nature.

Uniforms/Player Equipment/Accessories

- Rules for uniforms are revisited regularly. One area of concern is the way uniforms are being worn. The NFHS volleyball rules committee asks that uniforms be worn the way the manufacturer intended for them to be worn. For example, when there is a waistband on the uniform bottom, the waistband must be worn on the waist. Knotted uniform tops will not be allowed.
 - Velcro straps used to shorten sleeve length may be worn, provided the uniform number is clearly visible. The uniform is illegal if the number(s) is not clearly visible when the sleeve is velcroed.
1. **Number placement:**
- The number shall be placed so the top of the number on the front of the uniform is no more than 5 inches down from the shoulder seam; or placed so the number is centered no more than 5 inches below the bottom edge of any neckline ribbing, placket or seams on the uniform top.
 - South Dakota Modification:** An additional inch for number placement (6 inches rather than the rule book 5 inches) is permitted to accommodate uniforms with raglan sleeves, trim around the sleeve opening or other seams preventing the number from being placed according to rule book specifications. Numbers placed more than 6 inches down from the shoulder seam/crease would be considered illegal. When measuring a uniform without a true seam, measurement must be taken from the shoulder crease when the uniform is lying flat on a table.
2. **Libero Uniform**
- The libero must wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The primary color of the libero's uniform top must be different from any color that appears on more than 25% of the body of her teammate's uniform top. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored. The libero uniform must have a legal number. The style and trim of the libero's uniform top may differ from her teammates', but her shorts must be like colored to her teammates.
 - The preferred numbering system for the libero is for the libero to wear the same number on both her libero jersey and her regular playing jersey. Using the traditional 'home and away' uniforms works very well provided the color of the uniform is very distinct. If the school does not have a duplicate set of uniforms that are contrasting in color, then specific libero uniforms must be purchased (ex. a t-shirt). Use numbers that are different from the regular

uniform numbers. A libero may have a center number while the rest of the team has a shoulder number. (Note: Review how to record the libero number on the roster.)

3. **Hair devices:**

- Hair devices made of soft material or unadorned bobby pins, no longer than 2 inches may be worn to control hair.
- Hair adornment (ribbons) made of soft material no more than 2 inches in length may be worn. These may be multi-colored and painted. No additional adornments may be added such as sparkles, glitter, tinsel netting, etc. Multi-colored scrunchies are legal.
- Headbands when worn must be of a solid color with the only markings being the manufacturers' logo. Multi-colored bandanas worn as headbands are never legal.
- Unadorned bobby pins no longer than 2 inches will be allowed, however, hard barrettes, or flat clips are still prohibited.
- Glitter may not be worn in the hair.

4. **Shoes/Laces:**

- Shoes must be worn and laced. Nothing can be attached or woven into the shoelaces.
When a player wearing an illegal uniform/ equipment attempts to enter the set, unnecessary delay shall be assessed. The player shall not enter the set until the illegal uniform/equipment is replaced or made legal. When a player wearing an illegal uniform/ equipment is discovered in the set, unnecessary delay shall be assessed the team. For subsequent violations by the same team during the match, a point or side-out shall be awarded the opponent.

5. **Additional Reminders**

- Sleeves:** It is recommend that all players leave their uniform in its natural state and not adjust the sleeve on the side of the number. If the official must ask a player to "un-tuck" the sleeve, an unnecessary delay penalty will be assessed. Officials should talk to the team captains to encourage players to leave the sleeve untouched on the number side of the uniform. Players may wear the "strips" provided the uniform number is clearly visible.
- Jewelry:** No jewelry is permitted (includes any visible body piercing) except for religious or medical medals. If such medals are worn, they shall be taped to the body under the uniform (no chains). Jewelry can not be made legal by taping over it.
- Undergarments:** If undergarments such as T-shirts, body suits, sport bras, etc. are exposed, they shall be of a single color similar to the predominant color of the uniform top. The only permissible exposed undergarment that may be worn beneath the uniform bottom is a compression short. These compression shorts shall be of a single color similar to the predominant color of the uniform bottom.
- Body paint:** Body paint, glitter and other foreign substances are considered illegal. This also includes applying them to the hair with the exception of hair coloring that does not rub off. Nothing is allowed on the face (body paint-stickers etc.). Permanent tattoos on the body are legal.
- e. All uniforms must be free of all hard and unyielding items such as buttons, zippers, snaps and fasteners.

Heat time-outs

- If conditions are unbearable, the time between sets within the match may be extended from 3 minutes to 4 minutes. The officials and the coaches shall make this decision. If there is a disagreement as to taking extra time or not, the final decision rests with the match officials.

Disruption of Match Due to Slippery Floor

- In the event that moisture condenses on the floor, it shall be the decision of the R1 to stop the match whenever he/she deems conditions are no longer safe to continue. The R1 may confer with the R2 in this regard.
- Once a decision has been made by the officials to stop the match, based upon mutual agreement of both schools, one of the following three options must be selected:
 1. Resume play, from the point of interruption, at a later date.
 2. Declare a winner and loser based on the score at time of interruption.
 3. In the event the match is tied at the point of disruption (sets are 1-1 or 2-2), and it is not possible to complete the match at a later date, the match will be considered canceled with neither team allowed to schedule a replacement match.

Coaches Standing

- During play, head coaches are allowed to stand in the replacement zone to coach his/her players. The head coach shall be no closer than 6 feet from the sideline. If a card (yellow and/or red) is issued to the head coach, assistant coach, or team bench, the head coach must remain seated for the remainder of the match, except with provisions in Rule 12.2.6.
- Assistant coaches shall remain seated on the bench during set except for reasons listed in Rule 12.2.5 of NFHS Rule Book.

Court Protocol to be used for Regular Season, District, Region, State

1. Pre-match Ceremonies

Pre-match ceremonies include introductions and the national anthem.

- a. Following timed warm ups, introductions shall be conducted with the players standing on their respective end lines. The officials take their position on the court. First referee (R1), second referee (R2) and the line judges are

standing by the referee platform with R1 and one line judge to the right of the platform and the R2 and other line judge standing to the left. The R1 and R2 are closest to the platform.

- b. Schools have the option of introducing their entire squad starting with the reserves followed by the starters or announcing starters only. Introduce the libero player. As the name is called, the player takes a step forward then back to the line. Visitors are introduced first followed by the home team.
- c. Coaches are introduced.
- d. Match officials are introduced.
- e. Set administrator is announced.
- f. National Anthem is sung or played.
- g. R1 then blows the whistle and motions teams to proceed down their right sideline to shake hands with the opponent at the net.
- h. Teams go to their respective team benches, while officials take their respective places.

Note: Introductions after the first match are NOT made. Only the starting six go to the end line prior to the start of their match. Introductions are made again before championship match.

2. Start of the first set of the match

- a. Starting players take their position on the end line, with the libero waiting on sideline. (if libero is used)
- b. When officials are ready, the R1 blows a whistle and directs players onto the playing court.
- c. The R2, with the set ball in hand, shall move onto the serving team's side of the court to check team line-ups and beckon the libero (if one is used) onto the court. The R2 then rolls the ball to the server.
- d. Match begins.

3. End of set – non-deciding

- a. The R1 blows the whistle & signals “end of set” directing players to their end lines.
- b. The R2 checks the scoresheet for accuracy and confirms the score by initialing the scoresheet then giving the “end of set” signal to the referee.
- c. The R1 blows the whistle and gives the signal to change courts.
- d. Players proceed past the standards then directly to their appropriate team benches.
- e. The timer begins timing the three-minute interval between sets beginning with the R1's whistle and change of court signal.
- f. At the end of the three minute interval, the R1 blows the whistle and signals the players directly onto the playing court.
- g. The R2 shall check line up positions of each team. Again holding the ball until the line ups have been checked.

4. Prior to deciding set (with players remaining on their own end line)

- a. The R1 calls the captains to the center of the court for the coin toss with the home team calling the toss. (The R1 may request that the R2 conduct the coin toss. It is then done close to the R1's stand.)
- b. After calling the captains, the R1 blows the whistle and releases the teams from the endlines to go to their team benches.
- c. Upon completion of the coin toss, the R2 sends the captains to their respective benches and communicates the results of the coin toss to the R1.
- d. The R1 then blows the whistle and gives the appropriate signal, using same protocol as the other end-of-set procedure.
- e. R1 directs the timer to start the clock for the 3 minute interval between sets.

5. End of the match

- a. R1 blows the whistle and signals “end of set” directing players to their end lines.
- b. The R2 checks the scoresheet and visually confirms the score by giving the “end of set” signal to the R1.
- c. The R1 blows the whistle and directs players to their respective team benches.

Guidelines for Promotional Contests

1. Promotional contests are allowed and can be held any time during the night.
2. Contest must be completed within the 3 minutes allowed between sets. If the promotion is held between matches, it must not interfere with the 20 minutes of warm-up time.
3. Officials and visiting coach SHALL be notified prior to the lower level match.

Warm-ups for Regular Season Duals and Triangulars/District, Region and State

- See Warm-Up Protocol at the end of this section.

Provide practice (warm-up) volleyballs for regular season matches

- The home team will be responsible to provide warm-up balls. It will be the host team's responsibility to supply a minimum of 20 balls per net used, and/or to contact the participating teams if more balls are needed.

Suggested Tie Breaker Criteria for Regular Season Multi-Team Tournaments

1. Pool Play or Round Robin - Best 2 of 3
 - a. Match Record.
 - b. Head to Head Record.
 - c. Record without Head to Head.
 - d. Total defensive points allowed.

- e. Average offensive points scored.
 - f. Flip of coin.
2. Pool Play or Round Robin
 - a. Total sets won.
 - b. Total defensive points allowed.
 - c. Average offensive points scored.
 - d. Flip of coin.
 3. Bonus Point System - 2 of 3 Match Pool Play or Round Robin
 - a. 3 possible points per match
 - b. 1 point for each set won.
 - c. 1 bonus point for winning in two sets.
 - d. Allowing fewest points scored
 - e. Flip a coin.

Line Judges

- Good line judges are essential for a volleyball match. Poor line judges put both teams at a disadvantage. IT IS THE HOST SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SELECT, INSTRUCT AND TRAIN JUDGES. Well in advance of the beginning of the volleyball season, school personnel should recruit and select line judges (PREFERABLY ADULTS) who are willing to volunteer their time and services. Paying line judges will not solve the problem of the need for better line judges. Proper instruction and training will! The line judge must be able to ignore spectator criticism and maintain complete concentration on the set.
- It is impossible for the first referee to instruct and train line judges in the short time allotted just prior to a match. Time permits only a brief, general review of their duties and responsibilities.
- Coaches should communicate to players and fans the fact that line judges are assistant officials. They ASSIST the first referee but do not make decisions. As the head officials, all decisions are made by the first referee. The first referee merely considers the calls made the line judges. The first referee may overrule a line judge's call at any time.

Trained Scorekeeper

- Varsity contests are to have a designated, trained scorekeeper assigned by home management. This assignment is too important to assign a student manager.

Libero Tracker

The libero tracker must be a trained individual who sits at the scorer's table.

- If both competing schools use the libero, host school is responsible for providing the official tracker. The home team's libero tracker will be considered the official tracker.
- If host school does not use the libero, the school that does must provide the official tracker. It is the responsibility of host school (if they do not use a libero) to contact the opposing school and make sure they bring a tracker since one will not be provided.
- At a tournament, the host school determines which teams (or the host school) supply the official libero tracker.
- That person must sit at the scorer's table, adjacent to scorekeeper. It is possible to use the timer or scoreboard operator as the libero tracker. If a trained libero tracker is not provided, the libero player will not be allowed.

Two inch Center Line

1. A 2" (or 5 cm) center line is required.
 - a. Schools which are refinishing their floors should place a permanent 2" line in the center of the volleyball court.
 - b. Schools that have a 4" center line and are not refinishing their floors must provide a temporary 2" center line using tape, paint, etc.
 - c. If the center line is not continuous due to a school mascot being painted on the floor, a temporary 2" line must be taped across the mascot before the match may be conducted. "Shadow lines" are permitted. When using a shadow line, the borders shall be 1/4" in width and inside the 2" line.
2. It is recommended all boundary lines be of one clearly visible color.

Service Line

1. The service area extends from the sideline to sideline behind and excluding the end line. It shall be marked by lines 6" long and 2" wide placed 8" behind and perpendicular to the end line as extensions of each sideline.
2. Schools are required to place the service area marks on the floor, even if only temporarily. They will be required to remove the old mark 10' in from the right sideline extended the next time they refinish their gymnasium floor. Note: officials shall ignore the old service line 10' inside the right sideline.

Time-out Clarification for Commercials

- Time outs will be a minimum of 30 seconds to allow for commercials if the match is being broadcast (radio). For television, time-outs must be 60 seconds.

Ball Retrieval System

- It is recommended that schools put in place a system of ball retrieval for regular season matches as well as all sub-state tournaments. (This means using individuals to retrieve volleyballs that are out of play and have extra balls on hand to keep the match moving smoothly without delay.)

Bleeding Player

1. When it is detected that a player is bleeding (or has an open wound or a uniform with excessive blood on it):
 - The official stops the set at the earliest possible time and gives the official's time-out signal for an injury time-out.
 - The coach of the "injured" player is given 30 seconds to:
 - Substitute for the player
 - Properly treat the player so she may remain in the set.
 - Take a time-out.
2. A situation involving a bleeding player or a player with an open wound or excessive blood on the uniform is administered as an injury time-out. Therefore if the player can receive proper treatment during the 30 seconds, the player can remain in the set.
If the coach decides to take a time-out, and the player can receive proper treatment during the 60 second time-out, the player can remain in the set.
3. If proper treatment cannot be made in the allotted time, the player shall be replaced and it does count as an entry for the bleeding player.

Procedures for Handling Apparent Concussions

If coaches or officials suspect that a player has a concussion, the following steps should be taken.

1. Remove athlete from play.
2. Ensure athlete is evaluated by an appropriate health care professional. Coaches and officials should not try to judge the seriousness of the injury.
3. When a player is rendered unconscious/apparently unconscious, he/she shall not be permitted to return to play that day without written authorization from a physician (MD/DO).

Student/Coach Ejections from a Contest

1. Any student or coach ejected from an inter-scholastic contest by set officials may not participate the remainder of that day and for the next regularly scheduled match at that level of competition and all other matches in the interim at any level of competition. If a player is ejected during a tournament, they do not participate for the entire day. If their next match is a tournament, the student is out for the entire tournament.
2. The second violation in a sport's season carries a four regularly scheduled match date ineligibility.
3. If penalties are imposed at the end of the sports season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over in that particular sport until the next school year. In case of a senior, the penalty will continue to the next sport season.
4. Athletes or coach ejected can not attend the contest from which he/she is banned.
5. They may coach and participate in practice.
6. Use Form "Ejections - #1" found in the Ejection Procedures section of the Handbook. Return to SDHSAA.
7. Officials should notify the SDHSAA of any ejections.
8. Officials will be asked to complete a form which will be returned to the school.

Statistics

- All volleyball coaches are to compile team and player statistics during all regular season matches. The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) guidelines and definitions must be used.

Spectator Courtside Seating

- The home team administration is in charge of crowd control and must determine if spectators are allowed to sit on the first row of bleachers.

SUBSTATE TOURNAMENT POLICIES

District and Region Assignments are listed in the Classification/Alignments-Chairpersons section of the Athletic Handbook. Schools not assigned to a district/region should contact the SDHSAA office for assignment to the appropriate district/region.

Ticket Prices

- All district and region committees will charge the following ticket prices.

Adult	\$5.00
Student	\$3.00
- These ticket prices are in effect for both a single set and/or a doubleheader. **Failure to charge the correct prices will result in the district/region making up the financial shortage.**

Class "A" & "B" Sub-State Format

1. The Class "A" and "B" schools are based upon ADM's grade 9-11 from the 2008-09 school year. Class "A" 449.999 – 90.00. Class "B" 89.999 and below.
NOTE: When a coop is formed or if through consolidation a current Class "B" school moves up to Class "A", the newly created Class "A" school will be immediately aligned into the nearest Class "A" district and region. There will be no movement in the Class "B"
2. 16 geographic districts. Class "A" has 3 to 5 teams each. Class "B" has 4 to 6 teams each.
3. Seed district teams, 1 vs 4; 2 vs 3. For districts with more than 4 teams and less than 8, byes must be utilized. (see sample brackets at the end of this section)

4. Single elimination format with cross bracketing, 3 out of 5 sets are to be played per match. Sets are played to 25 with the deciding set played to 15 (no cap on any set).
5. The district champions advance to the region.
6. District champions are paired against each other for the region tournament. District 1 vs District 2 (Region 1); 3 vs 4 (Region 2) etc.
7. The region tournament is **one 3 of 5 match.**
8. Region champions advance to the state tournament.
9. Committees have the option of playing (1) districts during one week, regions the next week or (2) districts and regions during the same week.

Class “AA” Sub-State Format

1. 4 geographic districts of 4 or 5 teams each.
2. Seed district teams, 1 vs 4; 2 vs 3. (See bracket for 5-team district.)
3. Single elimination format with each match played being 3 out of 5 sets.
4. The district champion qualifies for the state tournament and eliminates the fourth place team with two losses. The remaining two teams (2nd and 3rd) qualify for the region tournament.
5. The region tournament is cross-bracketed with District 2nd place vs. District 3rd place. Districts 1 & 2 comprise Region 1; Districts 3 & 4 comprise Region 2.
6. Regional Tournament will be cross-bracketed as follows:
 - Runner-up Dist. 1 vs. Third place Dist. 2
 - Runner-up Dist. 2 vs. Third place Dist. 1
 - Runner-up Dist. 3 vs. Third place Dist. 4
 - Runner-up Dist. 4 vs. Third place Dist. 3;
 The winner of each match qualifies for the state tournament.
7. The 4 district winners and the 4 region qualifiers are seeded 1-8 for the state tournament.
8. District tournament match sites shall be determined by the local committee that is comprised of the district schools involved.
9. Region tournament match sites shall be determined by the local committee that is comprised of the teams involved.

Number of Matches at Sub-State Tournaments

- No team regardless of class, shall play more than two (2) matches per day during post season play.
- It is recommended that the district semi-final and final matches be played on separate nights.

Procedures and Ball Availability

- At post-season single match sites, balls will be made available on the court 60 minutes prior to the match time. Nets can only be used during the official 20-minute pre-match warm-up.
- NOTE: At multiple districts and region match sites, teams are allowed to be on the playing court 25 minutes prior to the first match of a session. Volleyballs are allowed at 20 minutes with the regular 6-6-2 warm-up used for the last 14 minutes.

Time Breaks

- The 20 minute warm-up is satisfactory for the first match and any match that teams are not playing back to back. If playing back to back matches, there must be a minimum of a one-half hour time break (this includes the 20 minutes of warm-up . . . teams may choose not to warm up during this time). Committees may alter the above procedure as long as it is not less time than outlined above.

Committees (All Classes)

- A committee shall be formed with a meeting to be held prior to the district tournament for organizational purposes.
- A committee chairperson (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) who is not coaching volleyball is to be elected and each committee shall function following generally accepted Rules of Order. **The district/region chairperson must be currently employed as an administrative staff member (superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director) from a district/region member school.** Minutes shall be kept of each meeting with a distribution made to each school represented on a timely basis.
- Each District chairman shall be on the Region Committee. Additional members may be selected to serve on the committee.

Input of Coaches

- District and Region Committees are expected to give coaches the opportunity to submit suggestions and to have input to the committees. Volleyball coaches may attend the district and region committee meetings for input and as resource person(s) in the sport of volleyball.
- Appointment of a new chairman, dates and site(s) for the following year. “The current district and region chairman for each sport must submit to the SDHSAA the name of the individual that will be the chairman for the following year. This notification, along with an indication of the date(s) and site(s) should be made **prior to May 1st**. If a committee chair can not be named for the following year, the committee must designate a school and administrative position that will assume the chairmanship duties. Failure to name either an individual or a school,

including the designated administrative position, for the chair will result in naming the current chairman as the chairman for the following year.

- If the above information is not supplied to the SDHSAA by May 15, a \$50.00 fine will be assessed against the district or region not in compliance. Fines will be assessed for the ensuing school year. The new district/region committee is responsible for payment.

Making Entries

Note: Coaches and district chairs are to check the SDHSAA website for information on completing forms on the SDHSAA website.

1. Coach Responsibility

Team Roster and School Information for District/Region

- Coaches are required to enter their team roster on the SDHSAA website by September 1. (WEB FORM – Volleyball Roster.) **A \$50.00 fine will be assessed to any school not meeting the September 1 deadline.**
- The roster should be edited as the season progresses. This will enable all schools to access the roster for program purposes during the season. This roster shall be updated on-line one week prior to district play in order for district chairmen to have the most current information. Additional information may be required by the committees.
- A coach may include as many players on the list or roster as he/she wishes. However, only 16 players may dress for any tournament match. The actual players making up the 16 may change from match to match, day to day, etc.
- All information on this form (school info, coaches, cheerleaders, student managers, etc) will be used at the region and state levels as well. Each school is responsible for updates to this form.

Schedule/Seeding Form

- Coaches are required to enter their team schedule on the SDHSAA website by September 1. (WEB FORM - Volleyball Schedule.) **A \$50.00 fine will be assessed to any school not meeting the September 1 deadline for their schedule.**
- Coaches are also required to update the schedules with scores of matches played as the season progresses. This internet form will be used for seeding purposes at the district and state tournaments and must be completed within 24 hours following the completion of the last regular season match, prior to the start of district play. **A \$100.00 late fee will be assessed any school that fails to meet the deadline.** If the school does not complete the form by the district deadline, the team will not be allowed to participate in the district tournament. District chairs are required to notify the SDHSAA if any school fails to meet the district deadline.

State. The state tournament qualifiers must check the SDHSAA website for all state tournament information.

2. District/Region Chair Responsibility

- Chairmen should obtain all pertinent district and region tournament information, guidelines, and policies from the SDHSAA website.
- **District and Region chairmen** are to obtain school information and team rosters from the SDHSAA website. District chairmen must set a deadline for coaches to have updated information on the SDHSAA website. If the correct information is not available from the website by the deadline, chairmen must notify the SDHSAA for issuance of fines.

District chairmen are to obtain seeding information from the SDHSAA website to set up brackets. District chairmen must complete brackets with pairings, seeding points, sites, dates and times on the SDHSAA website prior to district play. If any school has not completed the schedule including the scores from each match by the deadline, the district chairman must notify the SDHSAA for issuance of fines. **It is the responsibility of the district chairman to enter the scores on the bracket immediately following completion of each set during district play.**

Chairmen will be fined \$50.00 (each occurrence) for not completing the online brackets with pairings, sites, dates and times, prior to district play, as well as scores by 9:00 a.m. following the completion of any district competition.

- **Region chairmen** must complete region brackets on the SDHSAA website, including sites, dates and times, as soon as that information is available.

It is the responsibility of the region chairman to enter the scores on the bracket immediately following completion of region play.

Chairmen will be fined \$50.00 (each occurrence) for not completing the online brackets with pairings, sites, dates and times, prior to region competition, as well as scores by 9:00 a.m. following the completion of any Region competition.

Withdrawal from District/Region Meet

- Should a school find it necessary to withdraw from a qualifying meet after filing an intent to participate, such school shall notify the committee chairman of its withdrawal by a predetermined date established by the committee. Failure to supply such a notice makes the school responsible for its share of the expenses of the meet. If a school finds itself unable to give notice of withdrawal before the deadline because of weather conditions, the illness of contestants, or some other act of God, release from this responsibility may be obtained by filing a report of the circumstances with the Executive Director of the Association.

Appeal And Grievance Procedure For District And Region Committees

1. If at all possible, the committee shall solve its own problems and make its own decisions.
2. Protests based upon a challenge to the interpretation given to a contest regulation or administrative ruling thereon must be submitted in writing within 24 hours after the contest, to the chairman of the district or region committees. The committee shall render its decision promptly to the Executive Director of the Association, and shall notify the protester, by telephone, to be followed by a written notice of its decision sent by first class mail to the protester. An appeal from the decision of the district or regional committee shall go directly to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final. The appeal must state the decision of the district or region committee and the basis for the request to overrule that decision.
3. Any protest lodged prior to a district or region tournament or meet pertaining to the athletic eligibility status of a student, contest regulation or administrative ruling must be submitted to the district or region committee at least ten days prior to the event. The district or region committee shall render its decision promptly. An appeal from the decision of the district or region committee shall go directly to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final.
4. In cases where the protest is lodged less than ten days prior to a district or region tournament or meet, any appeal of a district or region committee decision shall go directly to the Executive Director. The decision of the Executive Director shall be final.
5. Part V, Section 1 of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws states, "Decisions of the Judges. Judges' decisions in any contest are by their nature necessarily regarded as final and shall not be considered as the basis for protest."

Substitutions

- If a school needs to draw upon a substitute during the tournament whose name was not on the Team Roster and School Information Form, they may do so as long as the substitute is eligible under the Constitution and By-Laws of the SDHSAA.

Seeding - Class "AA", "A" and "B"

- ALL TEAMS IN CLASS "AA", "A" & "B" DISTRICTS ARE TO BE SEEDED.
- A **\$100.00 late fee** will be assessed to a school for failure to meet the deadline, one day prior to the district tournament. If the team's schedule is not completed on the SDHSAA website one day prior to the district tournament, the team will not be allowed to participate in the state tournament.
 - **Seeding Formula: Class "AA"**

Win over AA	2 points
Any Loss	0 points

Match with A or B not counted in total match divider.
 - **Seeding Formula: Class "A"**

Win over AA	60 points
Win over A or B	50 points
Win over AA junior varsity	50 points
Loss to AA varsity	10 points
Loss to AA JV, A or B	0 points
 - **Seeding Formula: Class "B"**

Win over AA or A	60 points
Win over B	50 points
Win over AA junior varsity	50 points
Loss to AA or A varsity	10 points
Loss to AA JV or B	0 points
- (Classification based on 2008-2009 ADM's grades 9-11: Class AA – 450.000 and above; Class A – 90.000 – 449.999; Class B – 89.999 and below.)
 1. Class "A" and "B" – Receive seed points for playing Class "AA", "A" and "B" varsity teams and "AA" junior varsity teams. If "A" and "B" teams play "A" or "B" junior varsity teams, no points are awarded, win or lose. These matches are counted for a team's total matches, however, the matches are not part of the division formula.
 2. Class "AA" – Receive seed points for only "AA" varsity matches.
 3. No points are awarded for any match that is not regulation. All matches used for seeding purposes must be 3 of 5 set or 2 of 3 set matches.
 - 2 out of 3 with the sets (including the deciding set) to 25 (no cap) OR
 - 3 out of 5 sets played to 25 (no cap) and 15 point deciding set (no cap)**Note:** "Out-of-state tournaments" must play the first two sets to 25 in a two out of three set match with the deciding set played to site tournament rules (may be less than 25). Three out of five set matches are played to regulation (25 point sets with the deciding set to 15).
 4. Any match played that can not be played for seeding points shall not be used as a part of the division formula.
 5. All matches apply for the set limitation regulation.

6. Seeding points are figured for regular season matches only. Teams are seeded into the district and state tournaments based on their regular season matches only.
7. A team must play a minimum of **10 regular season matches, any class, in order to be seeded** at the district tournament or state tournament. If 10 matches have not been played, the team is seeded last. If two teams with less than 10 matches participate in the tournament, they will be seeded according to the seeding formula to each other.
8. **COMPUTING YOUR AVERAGE:** Divide the total number of points by the total number of matches played (regular, restricted & split), varsity contests only, to determine the mathematical point average. (“AA” teams do not count “A” and “B” matches in total match divider.) Note: Any match played that can not be played for seeding points shall not be used as part of the divider. **Compute to three decimal places.**
9. Tie-Breaking: Ties will be broken by applying, sequentially, the following criteria:
 - a. Head to head competition will be used to break the tie. (Do not round, division should go to three places.)
 - Number of sets won. Ex. If Team A defeated Team B 2-0 and then Team B defeated Team A 2-1, Team A would be the winner having won 3 sets.
 - Points scored in head to head competition. The difference in the points scored would be used.
 - b. Victories against common opponents will be used to break the tie.
 - Losses are not considered. Ex: Team A plays Team B twice, wins one and loses one. Team C plays Team B once and wins. Do not consider the loss, only the victories.
 - c. The best overall regular season win/loss record based on percentage.
 - d. If the tie cannot be broken, a drawing shall be held to determine the seeding position of the two schools involved.

Court Criteria for District & Region Matches

1. With the adoption of a single elimination format, district committee may determine if one or two courts are used for the district tournament.
2. *Ceiling height requirement for districts and regions is as follows:* Although a gym height of at least 23 feet and clear of obstructions is preferred, teams may conduct their sub-state tournament in facilities with a minimum obstruction height of 20 feet.
3. All qualifying matches at the district and region volleyball tournaments are to be played on courts that meet all rules and criteria for a regulation match. This includes such items as, but not limited to, a regulation size court; separate standards for each independent net (the supports for each net are to be separate); two inch boundary lines; continuous centerline; R2 on same side as the team benches scorekeeper, libero tracker (seated next to scorekeeper), and timer; no serving boxes extending into the court; and the area surrounding the court must meet the minimum distance as prescribed in the rule book.
4. Matches played prior to the championship match may be played with some court modifications, however all district and region committees are encouraged to schedule the tournaments in a facility where by all competitors have a fair and equal chance to advance to the finals.

District and Region Tournament Brackets

- **Chairmen must enter the teams, sites and dates on the district and region brackets on the SDHSAA website prior to start of tournament play. Chairmen are also responsible for completing scores on the bracket as the tournaments progress.**
- **Chairmen will be fined \$50.00 (each occurrence) for not completing the on-line brackets with pairings, sites, dates and times prior to any District/Region competition.**
- Brackets which may be referred to for set-up of district and region tournaments may be found on the SDHSAA website in the Volleyball Section under Chairman Information.
- The court numbering system designating the court each match is played is to reflect that Court #1 is the “premier” court in a facility. Court #1 should start with the highest seed and follow the winner’s bracket.
- **Home Team**
 1. The home team is the highest seed for all district tournaments.
 2. The highest seed is the home team during all region tournaments.

Officials – First and Second Referee

1. Only certified officials who have met all requirements (including attending their initial jamboree), shall be eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments. This includes any certified official with an out-of-state address/residency, provided the registration is exclusive to the SDHSAA. Students from out-of-state attending a South Dakota college or university, are eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments, provided they are a certified official registered with the SDHSAA and have met all requirements. Officials registered with sister state associations, who have paid the reciprocity fee to the SDHSAA, are not eligible for sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments.
2. All officials contracted for a region and/or district tournament must work a minimum of four varsity matches **in any class** during the year contracted for the region and/or district tournament.
3. **All state tournament officials** must have worked a minimum of eight dates during the regular season. A regular season varsity tournament will count as two dates.

4. **Number of Officials** - The number of officials hired for the district and region volleyball tournaments will depend on the time schedule and the number of matches in the tournament. The recommended procedure is to work two sets, sit out one, work two, etc. This gives each official the mental break that is necessary to officiate volleyball. Asking an official to work continuously affects their judgment, causes inconsistent calls with the end result being a team may or may not qualify for the state tournament because of the level of officiating.
5. **Officials Fees** - It is recommended that officials be paid on a per match basis during regular season tournaments and during sub-state tournaments. This includes any line judging responsibilities the official may be assigned.
6. **Line Judges**
 - a. **DISTRICT:** All districts will use the following criteria for the selections of line judges: Hire licensed officials, either registered or certified (may be on probation). If not available choose experienced and capable adults. If non-licensed officials are secured as line judges, their attire must be dark slacks and a white shirt.
 - b. **REGION:** All region line judges must be licensed officials, either registered or certified.
7. **Bench Officials** - Appoint a **competent scorer, libero tracker** and **timer**, along with a P.A. person. Avoid selecting any person other than experienced personnel in these positions. It is recommended that the official scorer wear a black and white striped garment and that the scorer's location be clearly marked to aid substitutes reporting to the table. Efficiency and order must prevail at the bench. The libero tracker must sit adjacent to the scorer. The District Chair is responsible for coordinating/ securing a libero tracker.
8. **Line-Up Cards** - The host school is to provide line-up cards.

Volleyballs

1. **Game Balls.** Baden will supply one game ball for each district and region. The management shall supply an additional Baden set ball.
2. **Practice Balls.** District or region host school shall supply practice balls.

Practice Sessions

- Team practices at the district and region level are permitted. The district and region committee establishes a practice policy, if any, at the sub-state level.

Warm-up Period, 6-6-6-2. (20 minutes)

- See Warm-Up Protocol at the end of this section.

Player Bench

- During a contest, the player bench may be occupied only by eligible students, coach, assistant coaches, student manager, bona-fide statisticians and bona-fide trainer.
- Teams shall occupy the bench located on the side of the net adjacent to their playing area throughout the match. Non-playing participants may not be on the bench in uniform.

Trophies and Medals

- The SDHSAA has an agreement with Conference Medal and Trophy Co., Inc. of Pocasset, MA, to purchase all Association medals and pins. Also, the SDHSAA has an agreement with A & M Products of Princeton, Illinois to purchase all plaques and trophies.
- The SDHSAA will order all district and region medals, trophies, plaques and said medals, trophies, and plaques will be shipped directly to the appropriate district/region chairperson prior to the tournament date.

PLAQUES:	
"B" District	1 Champion
"B" Region	1 Champion
"A" District	1 Champion
"A" Region	1 Champion
"AA" District	1 Champion
"AA" Region	NONE

MEDALS:	
"B" District	20 to team champion
"B" Region	20 to team champion
"A" District	20 to team champion
"A" Region	20 to team champion
"AA" District	20 to team champion
"AA" Region	20 to state qualifier

- An Extra Medal order form (Order Forms #3) and an Extra Plaque order form (Order Forms #4) can be found in the Order Forms section of the Athletic Handbook. These forms should be used by schools wishing to order additional medals, plaques, or trophies.

Award Presentations

- All team members shall be required to appear for the awarding of their medals/trophies as per instructions. Failure to accept any awards will result in that team forfeiting their awards.
- All fans will be expected to remain off the playing floor until after the awarding of medals and trophies. Failure to keep fans/spectators off the floor until after the awards have been presented will result in the offending team not receiving public recognition at the tournament site. Individual and team awards will be given to a member of the offending team and the team will not be announced by the public address announcer at the tournament venue. Fans will be allowed on the playing floor following the presentation of all awards.

Bands and Cheerleaders

- Volleyball, like basket-ball, lends itself well for bands to play. Region committees should establish a policy as to number of bands, selection, passes, etc. The same applies to cheerleaders. Policies must be established for smooth running of tournaments.

Introductions

All teams will be introduced the first time they play and at the championship match, not every match.

1. Pre-match Ceremonies

Pre-match ceremonies include the introductions and the national anthem.

- a. Introductions shall be conducted with the players standing on their respective end lines. Schools have the option of introducing their entire squad starting with the reserves followed by the starters or announcing starters only. Always introduce the libero player if a team has one. As the name is called the player takes a step forward then back to the line. Visitors are introduced first followed by the home team.
 - b. Coaches are introduced.
 - c. Match officials are introduced.
 - d. National Anthem is sung or played.
 - e. R1 blows whistle and motions teams to proceed down their right sideline to shake hands with the opponent at the net.
 - f. Teams return to their team bench area.
- #### 2. Start of the first set of the Match
- a. Following the timed warm-ups and pre-match ceremonies, the officials take their positions on the court (R1 on stand).
 - b. The R1 then blows the whistle and directs the starting players to their respective end lines. There is no specific order as to how the players line up on the end lines.
 - c. When all officials are ready, the R1 blows a second whistle and directs players onto the playing court.
 - d. The R2, with the set ball in hand, shall move onto the serving team's side of the court to check team line-up.
 - e. The R2 then rolls ball to the server.
 - f. Match begins.

Percentage of Receipts to SDHSAA

- Thirty percent of the gross receipts of all Class "B", "A", "AA" District Tournaments and forty percent for all Region Tournaments shall be forwarded to the SDHSAA headquarters for deposit in the general treasury of the Association.
- Both receipts and disbursements are to be run through a regular school account or a school activity account.

Appointment of New Chairman

- The current district and region chairman for each sport must submit to the SDHSAA the name of the individual that will be the chairman for the following year. **This notification, along with the indication of the date(s) and site(s) should be made within two weeks following the district or region event.** If a committee chair can not be named for the following year, the committee must designate a school and administrative position that will assume the chairmanship duties.
- **Reminder: The district/region chairperson must be currently employed as an administrative staff member (superintendent, principal, or athletic/ activities director)** Failure to name either an individual or a school, including the designated administrative position, for the chair will result in naming the current chairman as the chairman for the following year.
- **NOTE: If the above information is not supplied to the SDHSAA by May 15, a \$50.00 fine will be assessed against the district or region not in compliance. Fines will be assessed for the ensuing school year. The new district/region committee is responsible for payment.**

STATE TOURNAMENT POLICIES

Format of Tournament

1. **Class "AA"** - Each of the four district winners qualify to state, plus two teams from each of the two regions.
Class "A" & "B" - The top team will qualify from each of the 8 Class "A" & "B" regions.
2. The tournaments for all Classes will be single elimination tournaments with consolation bracket. Places one through eight will be determined in each tournament.
3. **State Tournament Championship Match Rotation**
If all three classes are at the same site, the rotation will be "B", "A" "AA". If only two classes at one site, it will be the smaller class followed by the larger class.

Tournament Schedule

- All first round matches at the state tournament are to start at the scheduled times. For the remaining tournament rounds if a court opens up early, warm-ups may start and that match may start on scheduled time even if another match is still in progress and is running long. (Exception: Matches may not start if an awards presentation is scheduled.) Match schedules are printed at the front of this volleyball section.

Player Introductions

Matches 1-4: All players will be introduced.

Matches 5-11: Only the starters and the libero will be introduced.

Match 12 (championship match): All players will be introduced.

Tournament Pairings

- All teams will be seeded into the State Volleyball Tournament.

Seeding

- Seeding into the state tournament is based on the team's regular season matches. District and region results are not used. If two or more teams have identical seed points, ties will be broken by using the prescribed tie-breaking procedure. (See seeding guidelines near the end of this section.)

Seeding Procedure for State Tournament

- **Class "B", "A" and "AA".** The 8 qualifiers will be seeded 1-8. The upper bracket pairings will be Seed 1 vs Seed 8 and Seed 5 vs Seed 4. The lower bracket will have Seed 3 vs Seed 6 and Seed 7 vs Seed 2.

Season Record

- All matches count for compiling a team's season record.

Rosters

- It is each school's responsibility to submit the team roster on-line. (WEB FORM – Volleyball Roster) **A \$50.00 fine will be assessed any school not meeting the September 1 deadline.**

Provide Program Information

- Participating schools will be instructed to send all state tournament program information to the on-site tournament manager. Please do so when requested. A \$50.00 fine will be assessed for failure to comply.

Team Benches

- During the State Tournament the player bench may be occupied only by the eligible students, coach, assistant coaches, student manager, bona-fide statisticians and bona-fide trainer. Non-playing participants may not be on the bench in uniform.

Uniforms

1. Players' uniforms must conform to the National Federation Rule Book. (Note SD exception)
2. If warm-ups are worn, or another uniform other than the actual volleyball uniform during warm-ups, these must be school issued. Teams will not be allowed to play or continue to play with improper uniforms or warm-ups.
3. Only the sixteen designated squad members may dress and play for any one match. Other players wishing to sit on the player bench may do so, however they may not be dressed in a volleyball uniform. The team volleyball warm-up or volleyball shirt may be worn by the non-playing squad members.
4. Libero uniform rules will be followed.

Reminder to Coaches

- The SDHSAA reminds all coaches of their professional responsibility to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and regulations of the sport and maintain proper appearance befitting the importance of the set. It is a matter of cooperation of people as a unit showing common courtesy, patience, pride, and respect. **Coaches are asked to dress appropriately (comfortable, but not sloppy; NO hats, t-shirts, denim jeans or sweat pants). Coaches are in the spotlight, not a fan in the stands. BOD's action: April 2008.**

Volleyballs

1. Practice Volleyballs: Volleyballs will be provided for each team for practice.
2. Game Volleyballs: All competition volleyballs will be provided. The Baden Model #15-0 will be used for all matches.

Warm-up Periods

- A 20 minute warm-up on the court of play (6 minutes plus 14 minutes) will be used regardless of the venue. Six minutes is allotted for the preliminary warm-up and the coin flip. Fourteen minutes will be used for the 6-6-2 warm-up period. The home team will take the court first (**team on top of bracket**).
 - 6 minutes – home team – entire court
 - 6 minutes – visiting team – entire court
 - 2 minutes – both teams – serving
- An auxiliary court may be used for warm-up, however, it does not take the place of the 20 minute on-court warm-up period.

Substitutions

- The original entry list into the district or region tournament allows a team to include as many players' names on its official roster as it wishes. This same roster applies to the state tournament. If a school needs to draw upon a substitute during the tournament whose name was not on the original roster, they may do so as long as the substitute is eligible under the Constitution and By-Laws of the SDHSAA.
- Only 16 players can dress for any one match during the tournament. These can change each match if necessary.

Practice Sessions

- Teams will be scheduled for a practice session on the day prior to the opening day of the state volleyball tournament. Each qualifying team will be assigned a practice time after all eight qualifying schools in each class have been

determined. A formula will be established whereby the team nearest the site will practice first followed by the next closest teams, with the team furthest away practicing last. The actual time schedule as well as the determination of the length of each practice session will be established on a yearly basis based on the time available.

Cheerleaders

- Participating schools are encouraged to use school cheerleaders provided their cheers are appropriate to the sport of girls' volleyball.

No Banners – No Noisemakers

- See District, Region and State Tournament Regulations in the General Section of the Athletic Handbook.

Court

- All sets will be played on a regulation size court as per the National Federation Rule.

Officials

1. Officials eligibility requirements to be listed on the state tournament ballot may be found in the official's handbook.
2. **State Tournament Officials Selection.** Eighteen officials will be selected to work the state tournament. Six in each class. The selection process is as follows:
 - a. The SDHSAA will send notification, via e-mail, to all head volleyball coaches, that a ballot for state tournament eligible officials is available on the SDHSAA website. The email will include instructions for completion of the on-line ballot.
 - b. Three separate ballots are to be developed, one for each class. Each official has the option of placing his/her name on one, two, or all three ballots.
 - c. Coaches vote for eight officials on the ballot for their class.
 - d. Each class is tabulated separately. The top five officials receiving the most votes in each of the three classes will be selected as the state tournament officials.
 - e. In the event an official places in the top five on more than one ballot, his/her highest placement will be the tie-breaker, i.e., if the individual was the third highest on the "A" ballot and fifth highest on the "AA" ballot, the official is an "A" tournament official. Total number of votes is not considered for the tie-breaker. Ties for balloting of state tournament officials' assignments shall be broken by a lottery draw.
 - f. The remaining three officials (one in each class) will be chosen by the SDHSAA.
 - g. Consideration in selecting these officials would be given to:
 - 1) officials working district and region matches,
 - 2) years of experience,
 - 3) geographic representation of tournament officials,
 - 4) ballot results,
 - 5) number of matches worked in a particular class.
 - h. There must be one new official in the group of eighteen officials. The new official selected must be a person who has not officiated a state tournament **OR** may be a person who has not officiated a state tournament the previous three years. (Must sit out three full years, new status starts the fourth year.)
 - i. Each official will work a total of four matches – 2 as R1 and 2 as R2.
3. **State Tournament Requirement.** All officials must have worked a minimum of eight dates during the regular season. A regular season varsity tournament will count as two dates.
4. **Line Judges**

The following criteria will be used in selecting state tournament line judges:

- Line judges must have knowledge of line judge duties with actual line judge experience preferred.
- Only active volleyball officials will be considered, provided they meet the criteria.
- Each line judge will work four matches throughout the tournament. Preference will be given to individuals who can work all three days.
- Line judges will work the same class for the entire tournament.
- Line judge assignment for all matches except the championship match shall be done by the line judge supervisor or the SDHSAA.
- Championship match selection shall be made by the line judge supervisor and the head official, or they may be pre-assigned.

Awards

1. Medals: 20 medals will be awarded to each participating team in the state tournament.
2. Trophies: To 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th
3. Plaques: To 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th
4. Awards will be presented following the place match played. Details will be provided to each team at the coach's meeting at the state tournament. All team members shall be required to appear for the awarding of their medals/trophies as per instructions. Failure to accept any awards will result in that team forfeiting their awards.
 - The maximum number of student names to be read at the state volleyball awards ceremony is at the discretion of the participating schools.

5. **Award protocol – athletes:** In all state volleyball tournaments, the first and second place medals will be draped by a member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors, SDHSAA staff member, or a corporate partner representative.
6. **Award protocol – fans:** All fans will be expected to remain off the playing floor until after the awarding of medals and trophies. Failure to keep fans/spectators off the floor until after the awards have been presented will result in the offending team not receiving public recognition at the tournament site. Individual and team awards will be given to a member of the offending team and the team will not be announced by the public address announcer at the tournament venue. Fans will be allowed on the playing floor following the presentation of all awards.

Tournament Team Expenses

- Each school shall pay the entire expenses of the contestants at the State Meet per their local school policy. Schools will receive partial reimbursement by the SDHSAA. Please refer to the general section of the athletic handbook for an explanation for the amount to be reimbursed.

Complimentary Tournament Passes

1. Schools qualifying for the tournament will be provided the following complimentary passes which will be handed out at the coaches meeting at the tournament site:
 - a. A maximum of 20 passes will be issued for players and student managers as listed on the Team Roster and School Information Form on the SDHSAA website.
 - b. A maximum of 6 passes to be used for coaches as listed on the Team Roster and School Information Form on the SDHSAA website.
 - c. One bus driver pass and one trainer pass, if applicable.

NOTE: If the number of passes is not adequate, additional tickets must be purchased by the school at the tournament venue.

2. The SDHSAA provides complimentary passes to the following:
 - a. Qualifying schools – 8 per school
 - b. Board of Directors – 4 per board member
 - c. Executive staff – 4 per staff member
 - d. Support staff – 2 each if attending
 - e. Referees – 2 each
 - f. Governor – 2 if attending
 - g. Secretary of Education – 2 if attending
 - h. Association Attorney – 2 if attending
 - i. Distinguished Service Award Recipients – 2 each
3. The SDHSAA reserves the right to issue additional passes and/or tickets at the discretion of the executive staff.

High School Student Press Pass Request

- The High School Press Pass Request form is located in the General Section of the Athletic Handbook and in the Journalism Section of the Fine Arts Handbook.

Adult Floor Pass Request

- The Adult Floor Pass Request form is located in the General Section of the Athletic Handbook.

State Tournament Tickets

1. Prices:

Adult Season Ticket:	\$32.00	
Student Season Ticket:	\$20.00	
	Adult	Student
Per Session:	\$8.00	\$5.00
2. Student Tickets
 - a. Proper student identification must be shown.
 - b. Tickets are for high school, junior high, middle school and elementary students. (Grades 1-12)
 - c. Kindergarten and younger are admitted free.
 - d. There will be no refunds.

Video-Taping Policy

- The SDHSAA Video Taping Policies have been reprinted in the general section of the Athletic Handbook.

Bands

- Volleyball, like basketball, lends itself well for band performances. Any school, with or without a volleyball team, may apply to play at the state volleyball tournament. Bands may apply by session or by day. Note the session time schedule in this section of the Handbook. To apply, please submit the Volleyball Tournament Band Application Form in the music section of the Fine Arts Handbook. Each band will be reimbursed the greater of \$150.00 or the amount for round-trip mileage for one bus to the state event. The mileage will be reimbursed at the same rate as the team's reimbursement.

Sportsmanship and Standards of Conduct

1. Each athletic director, superintendent, principal and coach whose school participates in a tournament is charged with the important role of teaching the highest principles and standards of general behavior. The school administrator should

never over-look any opportunity to remind and emphasize tactfully the need and value of proper respect for their opponents with regard to their organized cheering activities, the decision of set officials and the importance of desirable and proper conduct both at home and away.

We are sure that you concur with the Board of Directors in its belief that considerable effort should be exerted by tournament directors to promote the highest principles of sportsmanship in tournament sets. You are urged to give the officials your utmost cooperation in helping them to keep rowdyism and unsportsmanlike conduct entirely absent from the tournament. If there should be any patrons unwilling to accept the principles of good sportsmanship or there are some who desire to view the set while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, you should see that those individuals are evicted from the gymnasium.

2. The SDHSAA Constitution and Athletic By-Laws state:

SCHOOL OFFICIALS AT CONTESTS. The home school shall always have one or more faculty members present at an inter-school contest. The home school officials shall be responsible for the treatment of visitors, including officials for the contest, while in the community for the event. Officials of the visiting school shall supervise the conduct of their students at the contest.

DELEGATED MANAGEMENT OF TOUR-NAMENTS AND MEETS. The Board of Directors shall delegate the immediate management of district and region tournaments and meets to committees of school officials from the schools concerned with each; and shall give such committees power to handle all details connected with each; provided the tournament or meet in each case shall be operated in accordance with these By-Laws and rules.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY. Member schools shall use all reasonable precaution to insure proper conduct on the part of all their respective students attending tournaments and shall assume definite responsibility toward the conduct of such students both at large and individually.

3. It is assumed that administrators from each participating school will be in attendance at all tournament sets that involve their team and render assistance to the tournament committee in controlling unsportsmanlike conduct.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TEAM AWARD

In an attempt to recognize the academic excellence of the athletic teams and fine arts groups in each school, the SDHSAA created the "Academic Achievement Team Award". The "Academic Achievement Team Award" is designed to recognize "varsity" level "teams" that achieve a combined GPA of 3.0 or higher.

For additional information about the "Academic Achievement Team Award", refer to the "Academic Achievement Team Award" section of either the ATHLETIC or FINE ARTS HANDBOOK.

WARM-UP PROTOCOL

Note 1: The South Dakota Warm-Up Time Lines – 20 minutes

6 minutes – shared ball handling on each teams respective side of the net
(balls do not cross court)

6 minutes – home team – entire court

6 minutes – visiting team – entire court

2 minutes – both teams – serving

The officials shall assist by administrating the volleyball warm-up procedure. The host school is to start a countdown on a clock to time the segments of the pre-match warm-up. The horn is blown at 14 minutes, 8 minutes and 2 minutes. The officials will sound a whistle to warn the team on the court 15 seconds before their timed segment is ending. (Again a horn should sound at the end of each segment.)

The officials may wish to use a hand signal with the warning whistle to indicate to the coaches that they have 15 seconds to switch to the next warm-up segment. The warning signal is one hand with a closed fist and the other with five fingers.

During this 15-second period, teams finish up their warm-up and begin to move off the court. They should be off the court when the horn sounds. The opponent is moving on to the court at the horn.

Note 2: At post-season single match sites, balls will be made available on the court 60 minutes prior to the match time. Nets can only be used during the official 20-minute pre-match warm-up. At multiple districts and region match sites, teams are allowed to be on the playing court 25 minutes prior to the first match of a session. Volleyballs are allowed at 20 minutes with the regular 6-6-2 warm-up used for the last 14 minutes.

Note 2: The highest seed is the home team for all District and Region Tournaments.

Note 3: The pre-match conference and coin toss shall be conducted during the time proceeding the regular 14 minutes of 6-6-2 warm-up.

Note 4: The coin toss is done during the 6 minutes of shared court time. At no time shall teams delay the start of the shared court time to conduct the coin toss.

*6 minutes – shared ball handling. On your respective side of the net. (Balls do not cross court.)
Coaches are not to stand on the opposite side of the net and hit balls at their team.

* Can be waived only if there is adequate space for ball handling & stretching in another area. The teams would then begin with the 6-6-2 on the competition court, not 6-6-6-2.

Note 5: Prior to the timed warm-ups, officials must check court boundaries and markings, the net equipment and padding, proper net height, inspect each set ball, etc. Remember, if the equipment is not properly padded/covered, the match shall not be conducted and the state association shall be notified.

1. 20 minutes between matches shall be used at the varsity level to allow for proper warm-up. Coaches may determine warm-up procedures for lower level matches, however, it is recommended that all lower levels have a minimum warm-up of 6-6-2. The 20 minutes will be put on the clock, and the clock started as soon as the floor has been cleared from the preceding match or 20 minutes prior to the predetermined starting time of the match. Both teams occupy the court at the same time for the 6 minutes of shared court time. This must be consistent throughout the state. It is not a coach, athletic director, or committee choice.
2. If neither team wants to warm-up, the 14 minutes is designated as a rest period. If only one team wants to warm-up, the court is used only during the times the team would be on the court.
3. Warm-up for the multi-team tournaments during the regular season may be set by the host team, but a maximum of 3 minutes between matches is recommended. It is highly suggested that the 3 minutes NOT be extended. This is after all teams have had a chance to have the usual 6-6-2 warm-up for their first match.

Libero Tracker

Note: An individual other than the scorekeeper must be provided to track the entries of the libero player. If properly trained, this libero tracker can be charged with keeping the visible score, tracking the libero and assisting the scorekeeper with substitutions. Preferably, a separate individual should keep the visible score. Some schools may wish to use the timer as the libero tracker. The scorekeeper and libero tracker must arrive at least 20 minutes before the match.

Scorekeepers should be dressed as match officials in black slacks, and white polo shirt with no school designation.

Recording the Libero on the Roster

The coach must identify the libero's number on the roster **only** if the player is both a regular player and a libero for different sets throughout the match and has a different number uniform for each position. Then both uniform numbers must be recorded. For example, a player's regular uniform number is 3 and her libero number is 9. The coach must write 3/L9 on the roster.

On the roster, in the case of having more than one libero, record each player that is both a regular player and/or a libero during the match **if that player has two different uniform numbers**.

If there are three players that play both the libero position as well as regular positions during the match, on the roster, each regular number followed by the libero number must be recorded **if the player has two different uniform numbers**. (6/L4, 3/L9, 7/L8) Note that the libero needs a different number. Remember, there can be no duplication of any numbers for any player; this also applies to any number of liberos used.

Tracking the Libero

The libero tracker is charged with tracking the libero replacements. There are three important procedures that the libero tracker is responsible for enforcing.

1. The libero tracker must note that once the libero is replaced, at least one rally must take place before the libero can replace another player. At all times, the libero tracker should observe that when the libero is replaced, she does not re enter the set until after the next rally is completed (a 'rally' consists of a legally contacted serve or a sanction penalty assessed).
2. The libero tracker must ensure that when the libero leaves the court, the player replacing the libero must be the same player that the libero replaced when she last entered the set.
3. The libero tracker must record the libero serving. Place a triangle around the serving order position in which the libero served. The libero can serve in one rotation by replacing the player who is in the service position and who would serve the next ball.

This will be tracked by the libero tracker on a separate form (the Libero Tracking Sheet). This form must always reflect the numbers of the six players who are currently on the court for each team. Under the column labeled "SP", the starting players are listed in serving order. Libero replacements are recorded by slashing the number of the player leaving the set, and writing "L" beside the slashed number, to indicate that the libero is now in the set in that player's position. When the non-libero player returns to the set, the "L" is slashed, and the player's number written beside the slashed "L".

Substitutes are also recorded by slashing the number of the player leaving the set, and writing the number of the substitute entering the set. **If the libero tracker identifies that either of the procedures above has not been followed, the R2 should be notified immediately. The libero tracker does not have to wait for the serve to be contacted to report the problem.**

The libero can serve in one rotation by replacing the player who is in the service position and who would serve the next ball. When the libero serves, a triangle is used in the scoring sections in each part of the scoresheet where score is reflected. In the score sheet and libero tracking sheet examples following, #5 is the libero.

See **Libero Tracking Sheet (VB - #3)** at the end of this Section.

Appendix

Diagrams

A. Scoresheet Running Score

✘	16	
✘	17	
✘	18	
4	19	Indicates points 6, 7, & 8 were scored by libero
5	20	
6	21	
7	22	
8	23	
9	24	
10	25	
11	26	
12	27	
13	28	
14	29	
15	30	

B. Libero Tracking Sheet

TEAM:		L: <u> 5 </u>	
SET	Serving Order	SP	
	I	13	
	II	14	
	III	2	✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘
	IV	8	
	V	3	
	VI	✘	✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘ ✘

Indicates libero is in III serving position

ALL TEAMS IN CLASS “AA”, “A” & “B” DISTRICTS ARE TO BE SEEDED.

- **Seeding Formula: Class “AA”**
 - Win over AA 2 points
 - Any Loss 0 points
 - Match with A or B not counted in total match divider.
- **Seeding Formula: Class “A”**
 - Win over AA 60 points
 - Win over A or B 50 points
 - Win over AA junior varsity 50 points
 - Loss to AA varsity 10 points
 - Loss to AA JV, A or B 0 points
- **Seeding Formula: Class “B”**
 - Win over AA or A 60 points
 - Win over B 50 points
 - Win over AA junior varsity 50 points
 - Loss to AA or A varsity 10 points
 - Loss to AA JV or B 0 points

*(Classification figured from Average Daily Membership during the 2008-09 school year.)
(Class AA – 450.000 and above; Class A – 90.000 – 449.999; Class B – 89.999 and below.)*

1. Class “A” and “B” – Receive seed points for playing Class “AA”, “A” and “B” varsity teams and “AA” junior varsity teams. If “A” and “B” teams play “A” or “B” junior varsity teams, no points are awarded, win or lose. These matches are counted for a team’s total matches, however, the matches are not part of the division formula.
2. Class “AA” – Receive seed points for only “AA” varsity matches.
3. No points are awarded for any match that is not regulation. All matches used for seeding purposes must be 3 of 5 set or 2 of 3 set matches.
 - 2 out of 3 with the sets (including the deciding set) to 25 (no cap) OR
 - 3 out of 5 sets played to 25 (no cap) and 15 point deciding set (no cap)

NOTE: “Out-of-state tournaments must play the first two sets to 25 in a two out of three set match with the deciding set played to site tournament rules (may be less than 25). Three out of five set matches are played to regulation (25 point sets with the deciding set to 15).
4. Any match played that can not be played for seeding points shall not be used as a part of the division formula.
5. All matches apply for the set limitation regulation.
6. Seeding points are figured for regular season matches only. Teams are seeded into the district and state tournaments based on their regular season matches only.
7. A team must play a minimum of **10 regular season matches, any class, in order to be seeded** at the district tournament or state tournament. If 10 matches have not been played, the team is seeded last. If two teams with less than 10 matches participate in the tournament, they will be seeded according to the seeding formula to each other.
8. **COMPUTING YOUR AVERAGE:** Divide the total number of points by the total number of matches played (regular, restricted & split), varsity contests only, to determine the mathematical point average. (“AA” teams do not count “A” and “B” matches in total match divider.) Note: Any match played that can not be played for seeding points shall not be used as part of the divider. **Compute to three decimal places.**
9. **Tie-Breaking:** Ties will be broken by applying, sequentially, the following criteria:
 - a. Head to head competition will be used to break the tie. (Do not round, division should go to three places.)
 - (1) Number of sets won. Ex. If Team A defeated Team B 3-0 and then Team B defeated Team A 3-1, Team A would be the winner having won 4 sets.
 - (2) Points scored in head to head competition. The difference in the points scored would be used.
 - b. Victories against common opponents will be used to break the tie.
 - Losses are not considered. Ex: Team A plays Team B twice, wins one and loses one. Team C plays Team B once and wins. Do not consider the loss, only the victories.
 - c. The best overall regular season win/loss record based on percentage.
 - d. If the tie cannot be broken, a drawing shall be held to determine the seeding position of the two schools involved.

LIBERO TRACKING SHEET

TEAM:		L: _____	
SET	Serving Order	SP	
1	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L: _____	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L: _____	
SET	Serving Order	SP	
2	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L: _____	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L: _____	
SET	Serving Order	SP	
3	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L: _____	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L: _____	
SET	Serving Order	SP	
4	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L: _____	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

TEAM:		L: _____	
SET	Serving Order	SP	
5	I		
	II		
	III		
	IV		
	V		
	VI		

TEAM:		L: _____	
Serving Order	SP		
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			
VI			

Enter the Libero's number next to the L: located at the top right of each tracking sheet. Enter the number of the starting player (SP) for each position in the serve order under SP. When the Libero enters, slash the player number and enter L. When the Libero is replaced, slash the L and enter the replacement player's number. Record regular subs the same way. If the Libero serves, place a triangle around the serving order position in which the Libero served.

TEAM:		L: 5	
△	14	14	14 / 7