

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

2024 TOURNAMENT PLANS AND POLICIES

STATE CLASS "B"- "A" - "AA" VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

1. **DATES:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Nov. 21-22-23

2. **SITE:** Denny Sanford PREMIER Center

3. **WEDNESDAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE/COMPETITION SCHEDULE:** (All times are Central Time)

Each team will receive 1 hour on their competition court on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, with the first practice session starting at 9:00 a.m. Teams will be assigned a court time according to their distance from the state site with the teams closest to the site assigned to the earlier time slots and those furthest away practicing at the later court times.

Team practice times and a bracket showing the tournament pairings will be available on the SDHSAA website (www.sdhsaa.com) by Friday, November 15th. See the blank practice schedule on the SDHSAA website for time slots.

4. **COACHES MEETING:** Denny Sanford Premier Center (bleachers)

Wednesday evening, Nov. 20th

5:15 p.m. - Tournament Procedures

The head coach must attend this meeting. All tournament procedures will be covered as well as issuing passes for players and student managers (20), coaches, includes trainer (6), bus driver (1).

5. **PLAYER/MEDIA ENTRANCE:** Players may enter only through the northwest side of the Denny Sanford Premier Center marked with a RED "X" (player/team/media/worker entrance). Please use this entrance for player practice on Wednesday also. Must have a player pass to enter during the tournament. This is also the bus loading and unloading area. Bus parking will be in the Howard Wood Field parking lot.

6. **PAIRINGS:** Seeding procedure for State Tournament

The 8 qualifiers in each class will be seeded 1-8. The upper bracket pairings will be Seed 1 vs Seed 8 and Seed 4 vs Seed 5. The lower bracket will have Seed 2 vs Seed 7 and Seed 3 vs Seed 6.

7. **MATCH SCHEDULE:** All times listed are Central Time

Thursday Matches	Friday Matches	Saturday Matches
Session 1	Session 3	Session 5
Match 1 – 11:00 am	Match 5 – 11:00 am	Match 9 – 11:00 am
Match 2 – 12:45 pm	Match 6 – 12:45 pm (approx.)	Match 10 – 12:45 pm (approx. - following 7 th -8 th awards)
Session 2	Session 4	Session 6
Match 3 – 5:00 pm	Match 7 – 5:00 pm	Match 11 – 5:00 pm
Match 4 – 6:45 pm	Match 8 – 6:45 pm	*Match 12 - Class B, A, AA – 7:00 pm (approx. following 3/4 th awards)

THURSDAY – Sessions 1 & 2

- All first-round matches at the state tournament are to start at the scheduled time and at the same time.
- Starters/libero, coaches, and officials will be introduced

FRIDAY – Session 3

- Match 5 (11:00 am) will start on time and together. Starters/libero, coaches, and officials will be introduced
- Match 6 (approx. 12:45 pm) will start when the previous match on the court has been completed. Starters/libero, coaches, and officials will be introduced

FRIDAY – Session 4

- Match 7 (5:00 pm) first round of semi-final match will start all together. Introductions will include starters/libero, coaches and officials.
- Match 8 (approx. 6:45 pm) Semi-finals will start all together. Introductions will include starters/libero, coaches and officials.

SATURDAY – Session 5

- Match 9 (11:00 am) for 7th and 8th place will start on time and together. Starters/libero, coaches, and officials will be introduced
- Match 10 (approx. 12:45 pm) for 5th and 6th place will start as soon as awards for 7th and 8th place are completed. Mathes will start together. Starters/libero, coaches, and officials will be introduced

SATURDAY – Session 6

- Match 11 – (5:00 pm) all 3rd and 4th place matches will start on time and together. Starters/libero, coaches, and officials will be introduced. Awards to follow.
- Match 12 – (7:00 pm approx.) all Championship matches will start on time and together. Starters/libero, coaches, and officials will be introduced.

Teams may take the court 20 minutes prior to the designated start time or immediately following the previously scheduled match.

10. **PRE-MATCH STRETCHING/BALL HANDLING AREA:** The Warmup Area will be in the Ballroom B. There will be no nets or balls available – strictly for stretching. Specific instructions will be given to the teams at the coaches meeting.

11. **WARM-UP PERIODS - 15 MINUTES:**

3 minutes..... ball handling entire court

6 minutes..... visiting team entire court

6 minutes..... home team entire court

A whistle will be blown at 12 minutes, 15 seconds; 6 minutes, 15 seconds. A horn and/or whistle will sound at the end of each warm-up segment.

12. **PLAYING COURT:** The court will be 60 feet long and 30 feet wide (National Federation regulation high school playing court). A Sport Court floor will be used. Three courts will be set up on the arena floor Class B- East Court (1), Class A-Middle (2), Class AA-West Court (3). Media boxes will be provided. (6' x 12')

13. **VOLLEYBALLS:**

Practice Volleyballs: Volleyballs will be provided for each team for the Wednesday practice, as well as warm-ups prior to each match. After practice or warm-ups, please return the balls to their designated area.

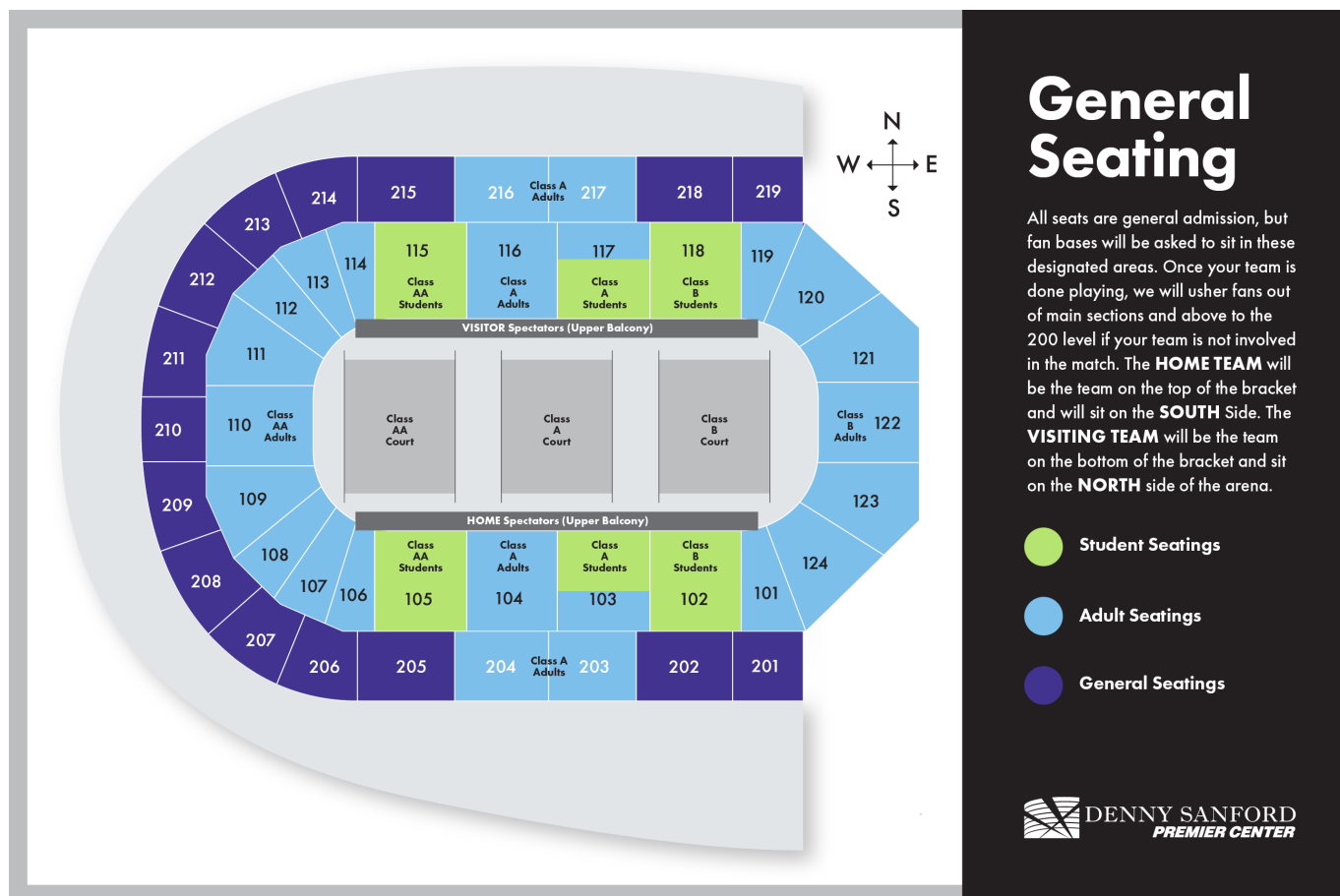
Match Volleyballs: All competition volleyballs will be provided. The Baden, leather volleyball will be used for all matches.

14. **OFFICIAL ROSTER:**

- Your roster is the **on-line form** on the SDHSAA website.
- A team's state roster is the same as the region roster.
- The roster may include as many names on it as a school wishes, but a school may only dress 16 for a contest.

Only 16 players can sit on the team bench dressed in a school-issued uniform for any one match during the tournament. These 16 can change each match if necessary. Other non-playing team members sitting on the bench must be in street attire or non-playing outfits. There will be twenty (20) chairs on the bench available for participating teams.

15. **PLAYER BENCH:** Team benches will be designated as the **home team on the south side** and **visitors on the north side. The home team is listed on top of the bracket.** The player bench may be occupied only by eligible students, coaches, assistant coaches, student managers, bona-fide statisticians and a bona-fide trainer.
16. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** The original entry list into the region tournament allows a team to include as many players' names on its official roster as it wishes. The 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, it may do so if the substitute's name appears on a Master Eligibility List filed in the SDHSAA office and is eligible under the Constitution and By-Laws of the SDHSAA.
17. **LIBERO PLAYER TRACKER:** The tournament host site will supply all libero trackers.
18. **UNIFORMS:** All uniforms must conform to the National Federation Volleyball Rule Book. **Reminder:** Uniforms are to be worn as the manufacturer designed them. It is the responsibility of each coach to be certain that players are properly equipped. The libero must wear a uniform jersey that clearly contrasts with the other members of the team.
19. **LOCKERS ROOMS:** Locker rooms will be provided for each team. However, teams may have to share from time to time. Assignments will be posted.
20. **TOWELS:** Teams are asked to provide their own towels throughout the tournament.
21. **SUPERVISION OF TEAMS:** Each participating school is responsible for the conduct of its team in the motels and at the tournament site. Each school administration must complete and submit the Supervision Form indicating the name and position of the supervisor. This form can be found in Bound on your dashboard under forms – volleyball forms – State Tournament Supervision.
22. **SEATING:** Seating will be in the upper and lower bowl for all matches. Sections of the arena will be designated for each class with designated student and adult seating. The school administration will be asked to assist with the seating of their fan base. All seats are general admission.



23. **HOME TEAM:** The upper team in each bracket will be designated as the home team. The home team selects the home court.

24. **TRAINER:** A trainer will be available courtside.

25. **VIDEO TAPING POLICY:** All videotaping must be done from the 210 Deck. There will be power cords available. Camera people cannot block the view of spectators while videotaping. The following 3 points were taken from the SDHSAA videotaping policy as printed in the General Section of the Handbook. For the complete policy, refer to the SDHSAA Handbook.

Video Taping Policy - At State Events

1. Participating schools may videotape the game or event that involves their team or athletes.
2. Upon advising the SDHSAA and the team(s) and/or individuals involved in a specific state event, schools may videotape other teams and/or individuals for scouting purposes at said state event.
3. Parents or guardians may videotape the game or event that involves their son or daughter.

26. **OFFICIALS FOR STATE TOURNAMENT:**

- A. Line Judges – 4 line judges/class have been chosen for each class.
- B. Referees and Umpires - 8 officials have been chosen for each class.

5:15 p.m. - Coaches Meeting
Tournament Procedures
Wednesday, November 20th, 2024
Denny Sanford Preier Center - Bleachers

27. TOURNAMENT TEAM EXPENSES/HOUSING

A. EXPENSES

Each team entered in the State Tournament shall be prepared to pay all its own expenses.

B. HOUSING TEAMS AT THE TOURNAMENT- Class AA – Downtown Holiday Inn City Centre; Class A and Class B – Ramkota. (For motel information, see “Housing Information” sheet posted on the SDHSAA website under Volleyball – Championship Central.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE MOTEL INDICATING YOUR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES. The SDHSAA has reserved at least 12 rooms for each team. These rooms have been reserved starting Wednesday, November 20th. Again, **please notify the motel indicating when you plan to arrive**. Many teams do not use their rooms on Wednesday night and still fail to notify the motel of their plans. If you do not plan to stay in Sioux Falls for the tournament or if you plan to leave early, each school must notify the motel. **Qualifying schools must fax the “State Tournament Hotel/Motel Rooming Information” form (found under Qualifying School Information on the SDHSAA website) to the hotel/motel management verifying check-in and departure time/date, plus player and coach room assignments.**

Please indicate that your room reservations are "IN THE BLOCK OF SDHSAA ROOMS".

28. AWARDS PRESENTATION:

A. Medals - 20 to each participating team in the state tournament.

B. Trophies - to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th

C. Plaques - to 4th, 6, 7th, 8th

Team members must be in their volleyball uniforms to receive their awards.

Four awards presentations will be scheduled.

Saturday: Presentation I - 7th and 8th place

All Classes, follows match 9

Place finish, players then coaches, then exit to Ballroom B for pictures.

Saturday: Presentation II - 5th and 6th place

All Classes, follows match 10

Place finish, players then coaches, then exit to Ballroom B for pictures.

Saturday: Presentation III - 3rd and 4th place

All Classes, follows match 11

Place finish, players then coaches, then exit to Ballroom B for pictures.

Saturday: Presentation IV - Championship and runner-up awards will be presented immediately following each championship match.

Award protocol – athletes: in all state volleyball tournaments, the first-place medals will be draped by a member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors, SDHSAA staff member, or a corporate partner representative. All other place winners will come forward to receive individual medals.

Award protocol – fans: All fans will be expected to remain in the stands until after the awarding of medals and trophies is complete. 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 guided to meet their teams in the Ballroom B or Veterans' Concourse for team pictures after the awards have been presented.

29. TOURNAMENT TICKETS/PASSES:

School: Eight (8) season complimentary tickets to each school given to the winners at the SoDak 16 contests.

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. 20 contestant passes will be issued for players, student managers, statisticians, etc.
- b. 6 adult passes will be issued for coaches and adult personnel assisting with bench duties (to include the trainer)
- c. One bus driver pass

NO ADDITIONAL PASSES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE.

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

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. Students' names must be listed on the school's journalism roster on the SDHSAA website. If the school's journalism roster has not been submitted on the SDHSAA website, press passes will **not** be issued to that school. **These are due by noon on the Monday prior to the State event.**

Adult Floor Pass Request

The Adult Floor Pass Request form is in the General Section of the Athletic Handbook. **These are due by noon on the Monday prior to the State event. Adults must first purchase a ticket PRIOR to receiving their Media Badge.**

Media Entrance/Press Passes/Complimentary Passes

Media entrance will be the North loading dock door.

State Tournament Tickets

All tickets are general admission and are available through the KELOLAND Box Office, online through <http://www.dennysanfordpremiercenter.com/events-tickets/calendar-of-events/>.

Service charges may apply.

Single session and season tickets may also be purchased at the box office during the tournament. Doors will open to the arena one hour prior to each session and remain open throughout the day.

Prices:

Adult All-Tournament Ticket:	\$52.00
Student All-Tournament Ticket:	\$32.00
Adult Session Ticket:	\$17.00
Student Session Ticket:	\$12.00

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.

30. **DOOR OPENINGS:** Door Opening & Pass Gate

Thursday, Nov. 21	Session 1	10:00 a.m.
	Session 2	4:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 22	Session 3	10:00 a.m.
	Session 4	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23	Session 5	10:00 a.m.
	Session 6	4:00 p.m.

31. **BANNERS, SIGNS, BALLOONS, ETC.** see Tournament Team and Spectator Conduct Rules under the Volleyball Section of the SDHSAA website: www.sdhsaa.com

32. **CONDUCT DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** - During the playing of the National Anthem, teams should stand at attention facing the flag **with their right hand over their heart**. The flag is the symbol of liberty and showing proper respect toward the flag at state events is important.

33. **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS**

The Volleyball Coaches Association and the South Dakota High School Activities Association 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 game. 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 blue jeans, etc.) You are in the spotlight courtside, not a fan in the stands.

34. **SCORE UPDATES ON THE INTERNET**

Updates of scores as they happen, plus pictures of the tournament, as well as other information, will be provided on the SDHSAA website (www.sdhsaa.com) by a link to South Dakota Public Broadcasting (www.sdpb.org).

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES' DINNER

The FCA will be sponsoring a dinner for all teams along with their coaches, administrators or any team support personnel. The FCA dinner will be held on Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Convention Center. This function is not sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Court Protocol (teams not switching team benches) 2021

1. Pre-match Ceremonies

Pre-match ceremonies include introductions and the national anthem.

- a. Following timed warm ups, starting players (including the libero will 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 (facing the score table) and the R2 and other line judge standing to the left of platform. The R1 and R2 are closest to the platform.
- b. National Anthem is sung or played.
- c. Starting lineups (including the libero) will be introduces following the anthem. 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.
- d. Coaches are introduced.
- e. Match officials are introduced.
- f. Game administrator is announced.
- g. After introductions, R1 then blows the whistle and motions teams onto the court while officials take their respective places.

2. To start the first set of the match

- a. The R2 moves to the sideline beside the court and checks the receiving team's lineup first, signals the libero (if used) to enter the court and indicate, with an open hand, the floor captain to the R1. The floor captain shall respond by raising her arm toward the R1. The R2 follows the same procedure for the serving team.
- b. The R2 then takes the ball from the score table and rolls it to the serving team.
- c. Match begins.

3. End of set – non-deciding

- a. The R1 blows the whistle & signals "end of set."
- b. The R1 then whistles and directs team to their respective team benches.
- a. The timer begins timing the three-minute interval between sets beginning with the R1's whistle and directive to the team benches.
- b. With 15 seconds remaining on the clock, the R2 will blow the whistle for teams to take the court. The horn will sound at the end of the three-minute interval. **Note: No team huddles will be allowed. Players are to proceed to their starting positions.**
- c. The R2 shall check line up positions of each team.

4. Prior to deciding set

- a. The R1 whistles, signals the end-of-set and directs the teams to their benches.
- b. The R2 double whistles and raises coin in the air to signal the captains to go near the officials' table for the deciding set coin toss. The home team calls the toss.
- c. Upon completion of the deciding set coin toss, the R2 communicates the results of the toss to the R1 by extending an outstretched arm on the side of the team to serve first. The R1 whistles and indicates the team that will be serving.
- d. R2 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".
- b. Then whistles and releases the players.
- c. The R2 then verifies the score by initialing the scoresheet. The match becomes official when the scoresheet is initialed, and no change of score shall be allowed thereafter.