

# VOLLEYBALL

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# VOLLEYBALL

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES CLASS “AA”, “A” AND “B”

	Day/Week	2024-2025 (Roll Back Year)	2025-2026	2026-2027
<b>First Allowable Practice Date</b>	Thursday, Wk. 6	August 15	August 14	August 13
<b>First Allowable Contest Date</b>	Tuesday, Wk. 8	August 27	August 26	August 25
<b>Changes to rosters deadline: All classes</b>	Monday, Wk. 17	October 28	October 27	October 26
<b>Seed points calculated through</b>	B/A: Tuesday, Wk.17 AA: Saturday, Wk. 18	B/A: October 29 AA: November 9	B/A: October 28 AA: November 8	B/A: October 27 AA: November 7
<b>Region Dates</b>	B/A: Monday Wk. 18 Tuesday, Wk. 18 Thursday, Wk. 18	November 4 November 5 November 7	November 3 November 4 November 6	November 2 November 3 November 5
<b>SoDak 16 Dates</b>	B/A: Tuesday, Wk. 19 AA: Thursday, Wk. 19	B/A: November 12 AA: November 14	B/A: November 11 AA: November 13	B/A: November 10 AA: November 12
<b>State Tournament</b>	Thursday-Saturday, Wk. 20	November 21-22-23	November 20-21-22	November 19-20-21
<b>Season Ends</b>	Saturday, Wk. 20	November 23	November 22	November 22
<b>Summer Moratorium</b>		July 1-7	July 1-7	July 1-7
<b>Winter Moratorium</b>		December 23-26	December 23-26	December 23-26

† All State Chorus and Orchestra (ASCO) is currently held on Thursday-Saturday of Week 17. Volleyball matches may not be scheduled on Friday and Saturday of ASCO regardless of the site of the match or the site of ASCO. Football playoffs are now on Thursday of Wk. 17 due to concussion protocol.

\*\* 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 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

2024	All Classes	Sioux Falls	Nov. 21-23
2025	All Classes	Rapid City	Nov. 20-22
2026	All Classes	Sioux Falls	Nov. 19-21

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

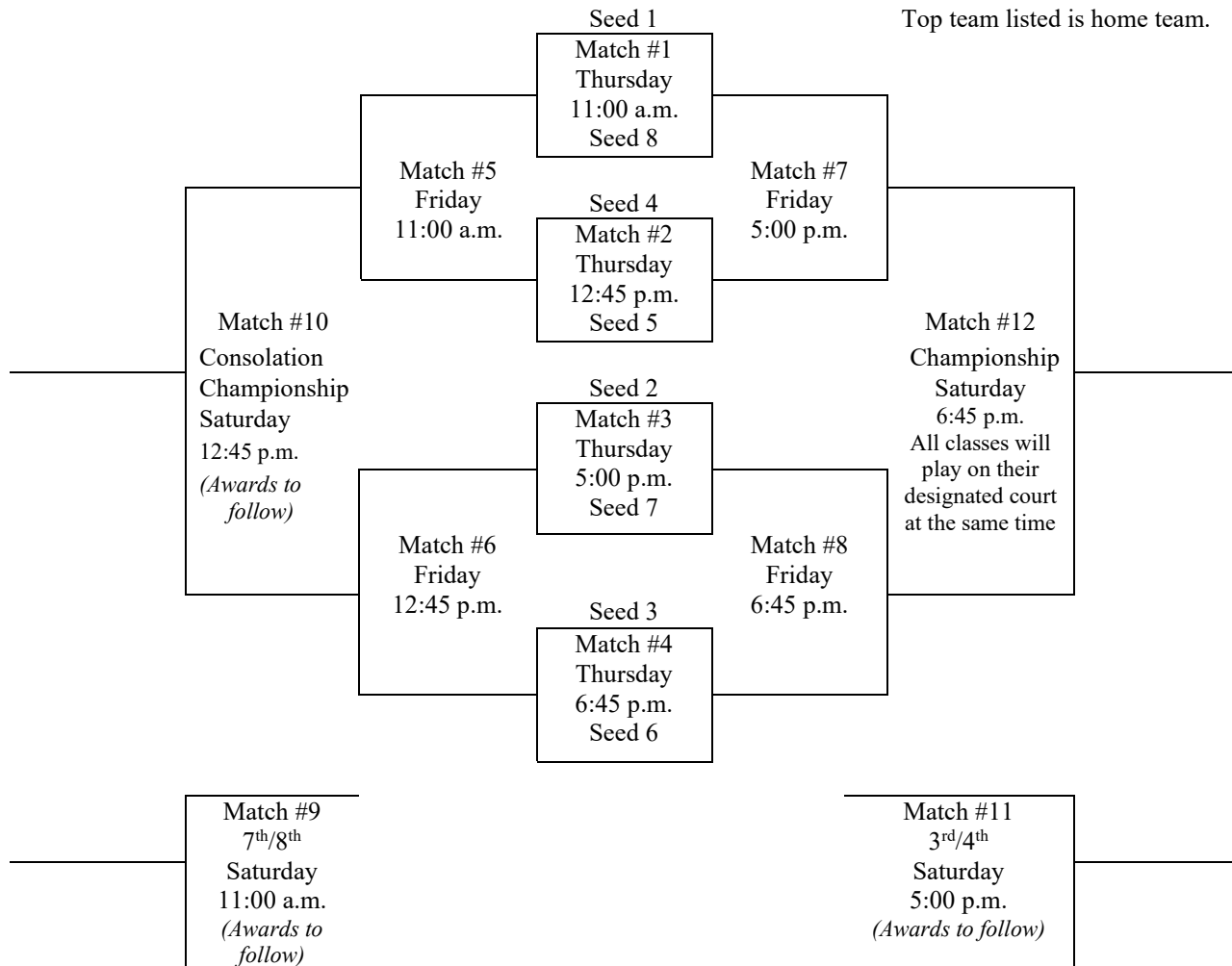
Athletic Code of Ethics  
Code of Sport Ethics for Coaches

# 2024 STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**NOVEMBER 21-22-23**

**Denny Sanford Premier Center – Sioux Falls  
(All times are Central Time)**

Top team listed is home team.



Thursday Matches	Friday Matches	Saturday Matches
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Session 5</b>
Match 1 – 11:00 a.m.	Match 5 – 11:00 a.m.	Match 9 – 11:00 a.m.
Match 2 – 12:45 p.m.	Match 6 – 12:45 p.m.	Match 10 – 12:45 p.m. (approx. – following 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> awards)
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Session 6 –</b>
Match 3 – 5:00 p.m.	Match 7 – 5:00 p.m.	Match 11 – 5:00 p.m.
Match 4 – 6:45 p.m.	Match 8 – 6:45 p.m.	Match 12 – 6:45 p.m. (approx. – following 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> awards – all classes will begin together).

### COURT ROTATION

<b>COURT 1</b> Class AA	<b>COURT 2</b> Class A	<b>COURT 3 (open end)</b> Class B
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## 2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL MAJOR RULES CHANGES

<b>4-2-3a, 7-1-1 NOTE</b>	Allows a player to change uniform numbers without penalty when a uniform is damaged in addition to when a uniform has blood on it.
<b>5-4-3c(1)</b>	Allows all players on the roster, not just starting players, to stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set.
<b>5-9-2b NOTE (NEW), State Association Adoption Chart</b>	Requires line judges to switch sides of the court between sets when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match.
<b>11-4-1b</b>	Allows teams to substitute during an injury time-out for the libero replacement if the libero is injured or ill.

## 2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

Suggested Prematch Protocol (NEW) – Provides guidance for establishing standardized prematch protocols as well as timed warm-ups.

## 2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL EDITORIAL CHANGES

4-1-7a,b; 5-4-3c(5); 9-5-1a(2); 9-5-1a(4); 9-5-1b(1); 9-5-1b(4); 9-5-6b; 12 NOTES 1

## 2024-2025 VOLLEYBALL POINTS of EMPHASIS

1. Ball Handling
2. Scoring Best Practices
3. Host Management Best Practices

## 2024-2025 SOUTH DAKOTA CHANGES/REMINDERS

1. For contests against out-of-state opponents, seed points will be calculated to include all contests (regular or postseason) through the South Dakota cutoff date.
2. No regular season contests may be played after the cutoff date for each class set by the SDHSAA.
3. Allow for Class AA volleyball teams to play up to 3 matches vs. a Class A or Class B opponent, or in an “out-of-state” tournament, without a deduction of seed points. These would be the first three contests vs. Class A and B opponents as they happen on the team schedule. Any other contests after the three allowed, would result in a deduction of seed points as defined in seed point system.
4. Eliminate the handshake after the introduction of players. R1 will sound the whistle and motion teams to go to their respective benches. The timer will start the one minute clock upon the R1’s whistle. The warning whistle will sound when 15 seconds remain on the clock and teams are expected to be on the court in positions for the R2 to complete the lineup check prior to the final horn.
5. Volleyball Warm-up (15 minute)
  - \*3 minutes shared ball handling on each teams respective side of the net.
  - \*6 minutes visiting team - entire playing floor
  - \*6 minutes home team-entire playing floor
 When one team has the playing floor for the 6 minute time frame, the opposing team may utilize the surrounding area.
  - \*Only roster personnel are allowed on the floor.
  - \*Warm-up time will not start until the pre-match conference is concluded.
6. Fans and spectators may stand, but not on playing surface.
7. South Dakota will continue with teams remaining on the same benches throughout the match, unless there is a distinct disadvantage on one side or the other.
8. Line judges will switch sides each set throughout the match.
9. A complete and accurate roster shall be updated on-line one week prior to any post season play beginning. No changes will be made after that time without SDHSAA approval. A \$50 fine will be assessed for each addition to the roster.
10. Require that all coaches, head or assistant, paid or volunteer, for SDHSAA fall sports complete the NFHSLearn.com “Heat Illness Prevention Course” and “The Collapsed Athlete” PRIOR to assuming their coaching duties each school year.

## SOUTH DAKOTA MODIFICATIONS

1. Pre-wrap is not allowed as a headband and/or hair control device.
2. Headbands, if worn, must be black, white, or the predominate color similar to that of the torso of the uniform (excluding the libero) and must be the same for all participants.
3. South Dakota will **not** follow NFHS intermission rules unless a promotional or recognition event and if so put 5 minutes on clock between sets 2 and 3 of varsity contest for said event.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CLASSIFICATION AND ALIGNMENTS

Schools will be classified according to Average Daily Membership figures from the most recent classification cycle approved by the Board of Directors.

- 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" region. There will be no movement in the Class "B" region(s) until the next alignment period.

### ON-LINE SCHEDULES AND ROSTERS DUE

Volleyball schedules and **complete** rosters must be completed on Bound. A **complete and accurate roster includes names, height, grade, uniform number, and position**. These must be posted on Bound no later than August 30. 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 August 30 will result in a \$50.00 fine.**

<b>Online Schedule Due</b>	<b>Online Roster Due</b>
<b>August 30</b>	<b>August 30</b>

### MATCH LIMITATION

All squads (varsity, J.V., "B", etc.) are restricted to a maximum of 20 matches.

- a. This **includes** four tournaments.
- b. A triangular will count as **two** duals.
- c. The dual/tournament configuration is as follows:  
**All Classes:**
  - 20 duals – no tournaments
  - 19 duals – one tournament
  - 18 duals – 2 tournament
  - 17 duals – 3 tournaments
  - 16 duals – 4 tournaments
- d. 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*. A triangular is considered a double dual.

### 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 <b>or</b> 3 of 5
*5 or more	Tournament	2 of 3 <b>or</b> 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 the match format (2 of 3 or 3 of 5).

**NO exception** to the interpretation that a triangular will count as two duals.

NOTE: The maximum number of tournaments a team may play is 4. 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**, to be used for seed points (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 below).
3. Out-of-state tournament matches played to a different tournament format (number of points, still playing 2/3 or 3/5 match format) will be counted toward seed points just as any other match throughout the season.
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 5 days of practice. This regulation does not apply to individuals. Teams must have five practice days counting 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 Forms tab, then Athletics, then Officials and Game Contracts) be used for all levels of competition including regular season games and meets, as well as tournaments, invitationals, 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 on the SDHSAA website under Forms– Athletics Forms, General Athletics, Sanction with Non-members.

### **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", an individual shall not participate in more than seven sets against a common opponent.**

The player limitation applies to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders *when they are moved up to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade level or higher match against the same opponent.*

**Penalty:** The penalty for player set limitation violation will be unnecessary delay (administrative yellow) 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 may 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade matches.
8. The player limitation rule applies to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders when they are moved up to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher match against a common opponent. If 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players stay within 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 will use flags for all 9-12 competitions.
3. Line judges will remain on the same side throughout the match. (no switching of sides)
4. The match is administered by an R1 and R2. Assistant officials include scorers, timers, and two line judges. There shall be no exchange of duties by the R1 and R2 during a match.
5. It is recommended, but not required, that member schools use registered officials for all sub-varsity matches.
6. The SDHSAA office publishes a directory of all "registered" and "certified" officials.
7. Only certified officials shall be eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments. Out of state certified officials, fully licensed with the SDHSAA will be sub-state and state eligible on their second year of registration provided they are fully licensed and have met all of the South Dakota requirements. Certified officials must have attended their first, initial, jamboree to be eligible to work sub-state events. 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.
8. If three matches ("C", "B", and "A") are scheduled with an opponent during the same session, a school does not have to hire "Registered" or "Certified" officials to 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.
9. It is recommended that:
  - a. Officials are paid on a per match basis during regular season tournaments.
  - b. Officials are paid on a per match basis during sub-state tournaments including line judging assignments.
10. 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 view the on-line rules meeting. Assistant coaches are encouraged to also view the on-line rules meeting, but it is not mandatory.
2. In addition to viewing 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. The rules meeting and testing dates will be August 1 through August 31.

#### **Coaches Must Meet SDHSAA Educational Requirements**

All athletic coaches in member schools, head or assistant, paid or volunteer must meet the education requirements set forth by the SDHSAA **PRIOR** to any coaching assignment. **NOTE:** See Coaches Education Program on website under the Athletics tab for SDHSAA Coaches Education Program.



## Equipment

### 1. Penalties for Illegal Game Equipment:

- a. When the host school does not pad the standards, floor/wall cables and referee's platform, the match shall not be played and the SDHSAA shall be notified to determine further action or penalty, as deemed necessary.
- 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 to determine further action or penalty, as deemed necessary.

### 2. Balls

- a. **The game ball for all competition (to include regular season matches) shall be the three-colored panel volleyball of royal blue/gray/white, (Baden Perfection)** and must include the **NFHS Authenticating Mark**. The mark can be displayed in either format. NOTE: Information on 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](http://nfhs.org).

- b. The ball shall be spherical with a laceless molded cover of 12 or more panels of genuine or simulated smooth leather (not suede). The ball shall be 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. 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.
- c. The home team shall provide game balls.

### 3. **The Baden Perfection (Royal Blue/Gray/White) will be the official and exclusive ball for all sub-state and state tournaments.** The ball must be used during all region and state tournament matches.

### 4. **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:

- a. 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.
- b. Front and sides of referee's platform be protected in the same manner as the standards.
- c. Any guy cables or rigid braces need to be padded to a minimum height of 5 1/2' with at least 1/2" thick, resilient, shock absorbing material.

### 5. **The Net and Markings** - The net shall be 36 inches to 39 inches (1 meter) wide overall and at least 31'6" (9.5 meters) up to 33 feet (10 meters) in length when stretched. It shall consist of 4-inch-square mesh of at least No. 21 size dark, natural, or synthetic cord. A plain white 2 inch (5 cm) to 2¾-inch 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. A white net sleeve, no wider than 3-3/8 inches (8.6 cm) may be installed along the top of the net. It shall be secured so it does not affect the net height or interfere with play. It is permissible to place the school name, insignia, school mascot and/or advertising along the top of the net or net sleeve by way of a decal or professional printing. 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.

### 6. **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.

### 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.

### 2. **Libero Uniform**

The libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim. The libero uniform top cannot be made solely of the same predominant color(s) of the team's uniform top, even if like color(s) are placed differently on uniform top. Numbers shall meet all specifications of Rule 4-2-4.

### 3. **Head and Hair devices must adhere to the following:**

- a. Headbands made of soft material and no more than 3 inches wide may be worn in the hair or on the head. Hair control devices and other adornments in the hair that are securely fastened are legal as long as they do not present an increased risk to the player, teammates or opponents are allowed.

- b. Headbands (anything that goes around the head) when worn, must be black, white, or the predominant color similar to that of the torso of the uniform (excludes libero uniform) and must be the same color for all participants with the only markings being the manufacturers' logo. Multi-colored bandanas worn as headbands are never legal.
  - c. Pre-wrap will not be allowed as a headband and/or hair control device.
  - d. Players shall not wear body paint or glitter on their hair, face, uniform or body.
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 is discovered in the set, unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card for the first offense or red card for subsequent offense in that set) shall be assessed to the team. The player must be removed until the uniform/equipment is replaced or made legal immediately. Following the administration of the unnecessary delay, if the team requests and has a time-out remaining, the player may remain in the set provided the illegal uniform/equipment is replaced or made legal during the time-out period.*
5. **Additional Reminders**
- a. **Jewelry:** Small, secured stud or post jewelry may be worn above the chin. **Any jewelry below the chin is illegal, and cannot be made legal by taping over it.** Medical alert medals are not considered jewelry and must be taped to body and alert may be visible. Religious medals must be worn under uniform and taped to body.
  - b. **Undergarments:** Any visible garment (t-shirt, body suits and other similar garments) worn underneath the uniform top or bottom must be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar to the predominant color of the uniform top or bottom.
  - c. **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 (body paint-stickers, etc.) is allowed on the face. Permanent tattoos on the body are legal provided they are not offensive in nature.
  - d. 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.

#### **Court Protocol to be used for Regular Season, 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 starters (including libero) 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. Introductions shall be conducted with the starters standing on their respective end lines. Announce the starters only (include libero). 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 timer will start the one minute clock upon R1's whistle. The warning whistle will sound when 15 seconds remain on clock and teams are expected to be on court for line up check prior to final horn.

- b. 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.
  - c. The R2 then takes the ball from the score table and rolls it to the serving team.
  - d. 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 the teams to their respective benches. Teams no longer need to go to the endlines, on the signal they are directed to their bench area.
  - c. The timer begins timing the three-minute interval between sets beginning with the R1's whistle and directing to respective benches.
  - d. At the end of the three minute interval, the R1 blows the whistle and signals the players to take the court. **Note: No team huddles will be allowed. Players are to proceed to their starting positions.**
  - e. 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.
  - d. The R1 whistles and gives the appropriate signal directing them to their team bench.
  - e. 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.

#### **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 15 minutes of warm-up time.
3. South Dakota will NOT follow the NFHS rule change for intermissions.
4. Officials and visiting coach SHALL be notified prior to the lower level match.

#### **Warm-ups for Regular Season Duals and Triangular, Region, SoDak 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**

1. 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 LINE 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.

2. **Line judges will use flags for all contests grades 9-12.** There is a line judge tutorial on the Volleyball page of the SDHSAA website. Line judges should view prior to working any contests.
3. Line judges will switch sides each set of the match.
4. 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.
5. 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.

#### **Libero Tracker**

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. At a tournament, the host school determines which teams (or the host school) supply the official libero tracker.
4. 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 ¼" 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.

#### **Injured Player**

1. In the case of an injury/illness during the set, a referee may interrupt play and call a referee's time-out. If the injured/ill player cannot continue play within 30 seconds, the head coach shall:
  - a. Request a substitution for the injured/ill player;
  - b. Complete a legal libero replacement for injured/ill player, or;
  - c. Take a team time-out if the team has not used its allotted time-outs.

The set shall resume with a replay.

Notes:

- i. If the decision is made to substitute for the injured player, the team shall be allowed the necessary time to safely move the player from the court.
  - ii. If a coach does not make a decision within 30 seconds, an unnecessary delay is charged. (Administrative yellow for first offence or administrative red for subsequent offense)
2. In the case of a team having an injured/ill player who is unable to play at the end of an official's time-out regarding injury/illness, and all other time-outs and no legal or exceptional substitute is available, the first referee may call a

special injury time-out of up to three minutes for the injured/ill player to return. If the player cannot return by the conclusion of the special injury time-out, then the team shall play short for the remainder of the set with appropriate penalty being assessed when vacant position rotates to serve. Each player may be granted only a single special injury time-out during the match.

### **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):
  - a. The official stops the set at the earliest possible time and gives the official's time-out signal for an injury time-out.
  - b. The coach of the "injured" player is given 30 seconds to:
    - i. Substitute for the player
    - ii. Properly treat the player so she may remain in the set.
    - iii. 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**

Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional. There are suggested guidelines in the Appendix of the NFHS rule book.

### **Student/Coach Ejections from a Contest**

1. Any student or coach ejected from an inter-scholastic contest by set officials may not participate for 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 penalty of being ineligible for the next four regularly scheduled match dates.
3. A third ejection that occurs during the same sport season shall cause a coach or athlete to be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that specific sports season at all levels of competition.
4. 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.
5. A suspended (ejected) player may travel with the team, be in the locker room, sit on the sidelines, etc., but may not be in uniform during the suspension.
6. A suspended (ejected) coach may not travel with the team or be at the venue during any contest(s) while under suspension.
7. They may coach and participate in practices.
8. Use Student/Coach Ejection Form found on SDHSAA website, under Forms tab, then Athletic Forms, then Student/Coach Ejection. Return form to SDHSAA.
9. Officials should notify the SDHSAA of any ejections.
10. Officials will be asked to complete an online 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**

**Region play will take place on the following dates per class:**

**Class A and Class B:** Region dates will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of wk. 18, with SoDak 16 contest to be played on Tuesday of wk. 19.

**Class AA:** SoDak 16 contest to be played on Thursday of wk. 19.

### **Roster**

**A coach may list as many players on the roster as he/she wishes, however, only 16 players may dress for any tournament match.**

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

### **Region/SoDak 16 Ticket Prices**

All region committees will charge the following ticket prices.

	<b>Class A &amp; B</b>	<b>Class AA</b>
Adult	\$6.00	\$7.00
Student	\$4.00	\$5.00

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 region making up the financial shortage.**

**Percentage of Receipts to SDHSAA for Sub-state Contests:** 50% of the gross receipts shall be forwarded to the SDHSAA headquarters for deposit in the general treasury of the Association for Region and SoDak 16 games.

### **Class “B” Sub-State Format**

1. Class B has 8 geographic regions.
2. The SDHSAA will place the first round pairing in the brackets for all substate matches. Region Chair people are responsible for updating the bracket as the tournament continues.
3. The dates of the contests for Class B will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of wk. 18, with the SoDak 16 contest to be played on Tuesday of wk. 19.
4. Using a single elimination format – each region will play until it has two teams remaining.
5. When each region has the field of two remaining, those final 16 teams will be reseeded to have 1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15, 3 vs. 14, etc.
6. The region tournament will consist of 3 out of 5 sets to be played per match. Sets are played to 25 with the deciding set played to 15 (no cap on any set).
7. These contests will be played at a neutral site assigned by the SDHSAA, selecting sites that are in closer proximity to higher seed. The SDHSAA will also assign officials to include line judges for the event.
8. The winners of those SoDak 16 contests are state qualifiers and will advance to the state tournament.

### **Class “A” Sub-State Format**

1. Class A will utilize 8 geographic regions.
2. The SDHSAA will place the first round pairing in the brackets for all substate matches. Region Chair people are responsible for updating the bracket as the tournament continues.
3. The dates of the contests for Class A will be Monday/Tuesday and Thursday of wk. 18, with the SoDak 16 contest to be played on Tuesday of wk. 19.
4. Using a single elimination format – each region will play until it has two teams remaining.
5. When each region has the field of two remaining, those final 16 teams will be reseeded to have 1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15, 3 vs. 14, etc.
6. The region tournament will consist of 3 out of 5 sets to be played per match. Sets are played to 25 with the deciding set played to 15 (no cap on any set).
7. These contests will be played at a neutral site assigned by the SDHSAA, selecting sites that are in closer proximity to higher seed. The SDHSAA will also assign all officials including line judges for the event.
8. The winners of those SoDak 16 contests are state qualifiers and will advance to the state tournament.

### **SoDak 16 Receipt procedure:**

Host schools/sites will be determined by the SDHSAA by an application procedure. Host schools/sites are responsible for all receipting processes which shall be reported online to the SDHSAA by a Financial Report using the following process:

- (1) Host schools/sites will receive a management fee for hosting each SoDak 16 contest. From this management fee, the host school is responsible for providing the following game-day staff and materials: Ticket takers, official scorer, timer, shot clock operator, security, game scorebook, game programs and other necessary materials
- (2) Officials shall be paid a rate of \$95.00 per match, plus mileage as prescribed by the State Rate and the SDHSAA Office. Line judges will receive \$47.50 per match. Host Schools should pay this amount from the gate receipts.

### **Class “AA” Sub-State Format**

1. The top 16 schools based on the regular season seed points will qualify to a SoDak 16 contest. Schools outside of the top 16 will not qualify for post-season play.
2. The top 8 seeds will host the contest.
3. The winner advances to the State Tournament with the non-winner being eliminated.
4. The format will be as follows:
  - #1 seed host #16 seed
  - #2 seed host #15 seed
  - #3 seed host #14 seed
  - #4 seed host #13 seed

- #5 seed host #12 seed
- #6 seed host #11 seed
- #7 seed host #10 seed
- #8 seed host #9 seed

### **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.

### **Procedures and Ball Availability**

At post-season single match sites (sites where only one match is played), balls will be made available on the court 60 minutes prior to the match time. Nets can only be used during the official 12-minute pre-match warm-up.

NOTE: At multiple region match sites (sites in which there will be more than one contest that day), teams are allowed to be on the playing court 20 minutes prior to the first match of a session. Volleyballs are allowed at 15 minutes with the regular 6-6 warm-up used for the last 12 minutes.

### **Time Breaks**

The 15-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 15 minutes of warm-up, although 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 region 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 region chairperson must be currently employed as an administrative staff member (superintendent, principal, athletic/ activities director) from a region member school.** Minutes shall be kept of each meeting with a distribution made to each school represented on a timely basis.

#### **Input of Coaches**

- Region Committees are expected to give coaches the opportunity to submit suggestions and to have input to the committees. Volleyball coaches may attend the region committee meetings for input and as resource person(s) in the sport of volleyball.
- Appointment of a new chairman for the following year. “The current 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, of the chair shall be made **prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>**. If a committee chair cannot 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 region not in compliance. Fines will be assessed for the ensuing school year. The new region committee is responsible for payment.

### **Making Entries**

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

#### **1. Coach Responsibility**

##### **Team Roster and School Information for Region**

- Coaches are required to enter their completed and accurate team roster on Bound by August 30. Complete roster includes names, grade, height, uniform numbers, and position. **A \$50.00 fine will be assessed to any school not meeting the August 30 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. **A complete and accurate roster shall be updated on-line one week prior to region play in order for region chair people to have the most current information.** No changes may be made after that time without SDHSAA approval. 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 Bound by August 30. **A \$50.00 fine will be assessed to any school not meeting the August 30 deadline for their schedule.**
- Coaches are also required to update the schedules with scores of matches played as the season progresses. The seed points will be used to determine the seeding placement for the region/SoDak 16 and state tournaments and must be completed within 24 hours following the completion of the last regular season match, prior to the start of region 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 region deadline, the team will not be allowed to participate in the region tournament. Region chairs are required to notify the SDHSAA if any school fails to meet the region deadline.

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

**2. Region Chair Responsibility**

- a. Chairmen should obtain all pertinent region tournament information, guidelines, and policies from the SDHSAA website.
- b. **Region chair people** are to obtain school information and team rosters from Bound. All rosters shall be updated no later than one week prior to the start of region play. If the correct information is not available from the website by the deadline, chair people must notify the SDHSAA for issuance of fines.
- c. **Region chairs** must complete brackets with sites, dates and times on the SDHSAA website prior to region play. **The SDHSAA will complete the first round pairings in each region bracket based on the seed points. It will be the responsibility of the region chair or the participating schools to enter the scores on the bracket immediately following completion of each match during region play. Chairperson will be fined \$50.00 (each occurrence) for not completing the online brackets with sites, dates, and times, prior to region play, as well as scores by 9:00 a.m. following the completion of any region competition.**
- d. **SoDak 16:** The SDHSAA will complete the SoDak 16 bracket with locations and times for each contest. It will be the responsibility of the school who wins the SoDak 16 contest to update the score in Bound upon completion of the match.

**Withdrawal from 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 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 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 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 region committee and the basis for the request to overrule that decision.
- 3. Any protest lodged prior to a region tournament or meet pertaining to the athletic eligibility status of a student, contest regulation or administrative ruling must be submitted to the region committee at least ten days prior to the event. The region committee shall render its decision promptly. An appeal from the decision of the 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 region tourney or meet, any appeal of a 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" SUBSTATE 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 region tournament. If the team's schedule is not completed on the SDHSAA website one day prior to the region tournament, the team will not be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

- 1. Seeding Formula and Guidelines:

Seed points will be awarded based upon opponent's win percentage as shown in the chart below.

- Win percentage = number of varsity wins divided by the number of varsity contests played.

Opponent's Winning Percentage	Points for Win	Points for Loss
.750 and above	50	39
.500 - .749	47	36
.250 - .499	44	33
.249 and below	41	30



- a. No points are deducted for playing teams which are classified below your classification. **Exception:** Class AA may now play up to 3 matches vs. Class A or B opponents or an out-of-state tournament opponents without a deduction in seed points. Any matches totaling more than the 3 allowable matches vs. Class A or Class B will result in deducting 2 points for each additional Class A opponent and deduct 3 points for each additional Class B opponent for each match over the allowable limit.
  - b. In competitions against varsity opponents which are one classification higher, 2 bonus points will be awarded.
  - c. In competitions against varsity opponents which are two classifications higher, 3 bonus points will be awarded.
  - d. No contests against non-varsity opponents will count toward seed points.
  - e. A team's seed point average will be determined by dividing the total number of seed points earned by the total number of contests played against varsity opponents, regardless of the opponent's classification.
2. The cut-off date for Class A and B regular season contests is Tuesday of wk.17. Class AA cut-off date is Saturday of wk. 18. No regular season matches may be played after the cutoff date.
  3. **Class A and B** region volleyball matches will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of wk. 18.
  4. **Class A and B SoDak 16 contests will be played on Tuesday of wk. 19.**
  5. **Class AA SoDak 16 contests will be played on Thursday of wk. 19.**  
**Note:** Seed point averages will be calculated to include all regular season contests in accordance with the timetable listed below:  
**For contests against out-of-state opponents, seed points will include all contests (regular or postseason) through the South Dakota cutoff date listed below.**

Class	Seed points calculated through:
B and A	Tuesday, week #17
AA	Saturday, week # 18

6. 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.
  - a. 2 out of 3 with the sets (including the deciding set) to 25 (no cap) OR
  - b. 3 out of 5 sets played to 25 (no cap) and 15 point deciding set (no cap)**Note:** "Out-of-state tournament" matches played to a different tournament format (number of points, still playing 2/3 or 3/5 match format) will be counted toward seed points just as any other match throughout the season.
7. Class A and B teams are seeded into the region and state tournaments based on criteria listed in #6 above. Class AA will be seeded for the SoDak 16 contest and NOT re-seeded for the State Tournament. (Exception: when tie-breaking procedure is used)
8. A team must play a minimum of **10 regular season matches, any class, in order to be seeded** at the region 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.
9. Tie-Breaking procedure for all classes: 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.)
    - Win/Loss percentage = number of matches won divided by number of matches played.
    - Set Win Percentage = number of sets won divided by the number of sets played during the regular season.
    - Average point differential = point differential divided by number of matches played.
  - b. Post season win/loss record.
  - c. Victories against common opponents will be used to break the tie.
  - d. Best overall regular season win/loss record based on percentage.
  - e. Coin toss.

#### **Court Criteria for Region Matches**

1. With the adoption of a single elimination format, region committee may determine if one or two courts are used for the region tournament.
2. *Ceiling height requirement for 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 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 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.

### Region Tournament Brackets

1. **SDHSAA will enter the first round paring for each sub-state contest. Chairperson must enter the sites and dates on the region brackets on the SDHSAA website prior to start of tournament play. Chairperson or teams competing are also responsible for completing scores on the bracket as the tournaments progress.**
2. **Chairperson will be fined \$50.00 (each occurrence) for not completing the on-line brackets with sites, dates and times prior to any Region competition.**
3. Brackets which may be referred to for set-up of region tournaments may be found on the SDHSAA website in the Volleyball Section under Chairperson Information.
4. SDHSAA will complete and post the SoDak 16 brackets online.
5. **Home Team**  
The highest seed is the home team during all region tournaments.

### Officials – First and Second Referee

1. Only certified officials shall be eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic meets and tournaments. Out of state certified officials, fully licensed with the SDHSAA will be sub-state and state eligible on their second year of registration provided they are fully licensed and have met all of the South Dakota requirements. Certified officials must have attended their first, initial, jamboree to be eligible to work sub-state events. 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.
2. All officials contracted for a region tournament must work a minimum of four varsity matches **in any class** during the year contracted for the region 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 region volleyball tournaments will depend on the time schedule and the number of matches in the tournament.
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. **REGION:** All regions will use the following criteria for the selections of line judges: Hire licensed officials, either registered or certified. These officials 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. **SODAK 16:** All SoDak 16 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. Efficiency and order must prevail at the bench. The libero tracker must sit adjacent to the scorer. The Region Chair is responsible for coordinating/securing a libero tracker.
8. **Line-Up Cards** – R2 must use line-up cards.

### Volleyballs

1. **Game Balls.** Baden will supply a ball for each state qualifier to be given to the team that wins that SoDak 16 contest. The management shall supply the Baden game balls for the contest.
2. **Practice Balls.** Region host school shall supply three-color paneled (royal blue/gray/white) practice balls.

### Practice Sessions

Team practices at the region level are not permitted.

### Warm-up Period (15 minutes)

Warm-up time prior to the match will be 15 minutes. The 15 minute warm-up time will be as follows:

3 minutes of shared time (balls may not cross the net)

6 minutes – visiting team has playing area

6 minutes – home teams has playing area

Teams will do their serving during their designated time on the floor.

Pre-match conference coin toss is conducted by the R1 and R2. R1 will call for the captain(s) and head coach from each team together at the officials table, by sounding a double whistle and raising the coin in the air. **Coaches and captains need to be available immediately following the JV match for the pre-match conference or an unnecessary delay will be assessed (administrative yellow)** The clock will not start until the pre-match conference is concluded.

### Player Bench

1. 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. Only 16 may suit up for any sub-state or state contest.
2. Teams shall occupy the bench located on the side of the net adjacent to their playing area throughout the match. Teams will remain on the same bench throughout the match unless there is a distinct advantage noted by the officials. Non-playing participants may not be on the bench in uniform.

## Trophies and Medals

1. The SDHSAA will order all medals, plaques and said medals and plaques will be shipped directly to the appropriate region chairperson prior to the tournament date.

<b>PLAQUES:</b>	
“B” State Qualifier	1 State Qualifier
“A” State Qualifier	1 State Qualifier
“AA” State Qualifier	1 State Qualifier

<b>MEDALS:</b>	
“B” State Qualifier	20 to each state qualifier
“A” State Qualifier	20 to each state qualifier
“AA” State Qualifier	20 to each state qualifier

2. An Extra Medal order form and an Extra Plaque order form can be found in Bound under forms. These forms should be used by schools wishing to order additional medals, plaques, or trophies.

## Award Presentations

1. 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.
2. 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.

## Appointment of New Chairperson

The current 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 region event.** If a committee chair cannot be named for the following year, the committee must designate a school and administrative position that will assume the chairperson duties.

**Reminder: The 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 chairperson as the chairperson 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 region not in compliance. Fines will be assessed for the ensuing school year. The new region committee is responsible for payment.**

## **STATE TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

### Format of Tournament

1. **Class “AA”** - One team from each match of SoDak 16 contest will qualify for state. (8 total)  
**Class “A”** - One team from each match of SoDak 16 contest will qualify for state. (8 total)  
**Class “B”** - One team from each match of SoDak 16 contest will qualify for state. (8 total)
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”.

### 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.

### Tournament Pairings

All teams will be seeded into the State Volleyball Tournament.

### Seeding

Class A and Class B seeding into the state tournament is based on the team’s regular season matches. 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. Class AA will be seeded based on the results of the SoDak 16 bracket. (See seeding guidelines near the end of this section.)

### Seeding Procedure for State Tournament

**Class “B”, “A”.** The 8 qualifiers 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 3 vs. Seed 6 and Seed 2 vs. Seed 7.

**Class AA Note:** Class AA will not reseed after the SoDak 16 tournament. Teams will advance in the bracket based on a continuation from the SoDak 16 bracket.

### Season Record

All regular season matches count for compiling a team’s season record.

### Rosters

It is each school’s responsibility to submit the complete team roster on Bound. Only 16 designated squad members may dress and play for any one match. **A \$50.00 fine will be assessed any school not meeting the August 30 deadline.**

### **Provide Program Information**

Participating schools will be instructed to send all state tournament program information to Creative Printing, 210 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, SW, Huron, SD 57350. 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.

**Only the sixteen designated squad members may dress and play for any one match.**

### **Uniforms**

1. Players' uniforms must conform to the National Federation Rule Book.
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.** Their attire should be 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: Royal blue/gray/white volleyballs will be provided for each team for practice.
2. Game Volleyballs: All competition volleyballs will be provided. The royal blue/gray/white Baden Perfection volleyball will be used for all matches.

### **State Warm-up**

A 15-minute warm-up on the court of play will be used for all matches.

### **Substitutions**

1. The original entry list into the 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.
2. 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.

### **No Banners – No Noisemakers**

See 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.** Twenty-four officials will be selected to work the state tournament. Eight in each class. The selection process is as follows:
  - a. Three separate ballots are to be developed, one for each class. Each eligible official will have the option of placing his/her name on one, two, or all three ballots.
  - b. The SDHSAA will send notification, via e-mail, to all head volleyball coaches, that a list of all officials eligible to work a state tournament is available on the SDHSAA website. The coaches are to consider this list as their "recommendation list." Using this list, each coach is to "recommend" up to eight officials for their class and submit them back to the SDHSAA.
  - c. Each class is tabulated separately. The vote totals will be used as a "recommendation only," to aid and assist the SDHSAA in determining state tournament officials for each class.
  - d. In addition, considerations will be given to:
    - 1) officials working region matches,
    - 2) years of experience,
    - 3) representation from all areas of the state,

- 4) recommendation tabulations,
- 5) number of matches worked in a particular class.
- e. There must be one new official in the group of twenty four 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. That person must sit out three full years - new status starts the fourth year.

Each official will work a total of three matches.

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:

- a. Line judges must have knowledge of line judge duties with actual line judge experience preferred.
- b. Line judges will use flags.
- c. Only active volleyball officials will be considered, provided they meet the criteria.
- d. Each line judge will work six matches throughout the tournament. Preference will be given to individuals who can work all three days.
- e. Line judges will work the same class for the entire tournament.
- f. Line judge assignment for all matches except the championship match shall be done by the SDHSAA.
- g. Championship match selection shall be made at the tournament site by SDHSAA representative.

#### Awards

1. Medals: 20 medals will be awarded to each participating team in the state tournament.
2. Trophies: To 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>
3. Plaques: To 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>
4. Awards will be presented following the place match played. Details will be provided to each team at the coaches' 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 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.

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

**NOTE: If the above 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 – 6 per board member
- c. Executive staff – 6 per staff member
- d. Support staff – 6 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
- j. Congressional Delegation as requested

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 Bound and in the Journalism Section of the Fine Arts Handbook and due to the SDHSAA no later than Monday at noon (CT) the week of the event.

### **Adult Floor Pass Request**

The Adult Floor Pass Request form is located in Bound and due to the SDHSAA no later than Monday at noon (CT) the week of the event.

### **State Tournament Tickets**

1. Prices:

Adult Single Session: \$15.00 + \$1.00 facility fee = \$16.00  
Adult Season Pass \$50.00 + \$6.00 facility fee = \$56.00  
Student Single Session \$10.00 + \$1.00 facility fee = \$11.00  
Student Season Pass \$30.00 + \$6.00 facility fee = \$36.00  
Additional fees apply to all online ticket orders (where applicable).

Tickets will be sold at each site.

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.

### **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 rowdy 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 TOURNAMENTS AND MEETS.** The Board of Directors shall delegate the immediate management of 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 games 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 – 15 minutes

**Following the preliminary contest, the officials shall call for the captain(s) and head coach from each team by sounding a double whistle and raising the coin in the air, to conduct the coin toss. Failure to do so may result in an unsporting act.** The clock will not start until the pre-match conference is concluded.

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

6 minutes – visiting team – playing area

6 minutes – home team – playing area

While one team has the main floor for the 6 minute time frame, the opposing team may utilize the surrounding area as they have in the past.

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 12 minutes, 6 minutes, and 0 minutes. The officials will sound a whistle to warn the team on the court 15 seconds before their timed segment is ending. A horn should sound at the end of each segment.

The officials may 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 right hand with a closed fist and the left hand 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 (sites with only one match for the evening), balls will be made available on the court 60 minutes prior to the match time. Nets can only be used during the official 15-minute pre-match warm-up. At region sites where there is more than one match played per evening, teams are allowed to be on the playing court 20 minutes prior to the first match of a session. Volleyballs are allowed at 15 minutes with the regular 6-6 warm-up used for the last 12 minutes.

**Note 3:** The highest seed is the home team for all Region Tournaments.

**Note 4:** The pre-match conference and coin toss shall be conducted prior to the start of the 15-minute warm-up time.

\*3 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.

**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. 15 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 5-5. The 15 minutes will be put on the clock, and the clock will not start until the pre-match conference is concluded. Both teams occupy the court at the same time for the 3 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 12 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 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.

### 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.

**NEW 2024: It is no longer acceptable to cross off the libero or the replacement players' number on the tracking sheet when there is a libero replacement. The libero tracker will only cross off the number of the replacement when a substitute enters the set. This helps keep the tracking sheet legible and avoids confusion when trying to count the number of substitutions a team has used in a set.** See letter B on next page.

Libero replacements are recorded by writing "L" to indicate that the libero is now in the set in that player's position. When the non-libero player returns to the set, and the player's number is written beside the "L". Substitutes are 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** under Volleyball Forms on the volleyball page of the SDHSAA website.



## Appendix

### Diagrams

#### A. Scoresheet Running Score

✗	16
✗	17
✗	18
4	19
5	20
△	21
△	22
△	23
9	24
10	25
11	26
12	27
13	28
14	29
15	30

Indicates points  
6, 7, & 8 were  
scored by libero

#### B. Libero Tracking Sheet

S	TEAM: RED	L: 10	
Serve Order	Service	SP	
I		6	L6L <del>6</del> 2L76
II		3	
III		7	
△		1	L1L1L
V		8	
VI		✗	84

Team Substitutions: ✗ ✗ ✗ ✗ 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

## ALL TEAMS IN REGIONS/SODAK 16 ARE TO BE SEEDED

1. Seeding formula and guidelines:

Seed points will be awarded based upon opponent's win percentage as shown in the chart below.  
 Win percentage = number of varsity wins divided by the number of varsity contests played.

Opponent's Winning Percentage	Points for Win	Points for Loss
.750 and above	50	39
.500 - .749	47	36
.250 - .499	44	33
.249 and below	41	30

- a. No points are deducted for playing teams which are classified below your classification. **Exception:** Class AA may now play up to 3 matches vs. Class A or B opponents or an out-of-state tournament opponents without a deduction in seed points. Any matches totaling more than the 3 allowable matches vs. Class A or Class B will result in deducting 2 points for each additional Class A opponent and deduct 3 points for each additional Class B opponent for each match over the allowable limit.
  - b. In competitions against varsity opponents which are one classification higher, 2 bonus points will be awarded.
  - c. In competitions against varsity opponents which are two classifications higher, 3 bonus points will be awarded.
  - d. No contests against non-varsity opponents will count toward seed points.
  - e. A team's seed point average will be determined by dividing the total number of seed points earned by the total number of contests played against varsity opponents, regardless of the opponent's classification.
2. The cut-off date for Class A and B regular season contests is Tuesday of wk.17. Class AA cut-off date is Saturday of wk. 18. Any matches played after the cut-off date will not count toward seed points for any post season play.
  3. **Class A and B** region volleyball matches will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of wk. 18.
  4. **Class A and B SoDak 16 contests will be played on Tuesday of wk. 19.**
  5. **Class AA SoDak 16 contests will be played on Thursday of wk. 19.**

**Note:** Seed point averages will be calculated to include all **regular season contests** in accordance with the timetable listed below.

**For contests against out-of-state opponents, seed points will include all contests (regular or postseason) through the South Dakota cutoff date listed below.**

Class	Seed points calculated through:
B and A	Tuesday, week #17
AA	Saturday, week # 18

6. **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.
  - a. 2 out of 3 with the sets 25 points each set including the deciding set (no cap) OR
  - b. 3 out of 5 sets played to 25 (no cap) and 15 point deciding set (no cap)

**Note:** "Out-of-state tournament" matches played to a different tournament format (number of points, still playing 2/3 or 3/5 match format) will be counted toward seed points just as any other match throughout the season.

  - c. Seeding points are figured for regular season matches only. Teams are seeded into the region and state tournaments based on their regular season matches only. (Exception: when tie-breaking procedure is used)
  - d. 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.
7. Tie-Breaking procedure for all classes: 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.)  
**Note: All teams involved in the tie must have played each other in order for the head-to-head competition to be considered.**
    - Win/Loss percentage = number of matches won divided by number of matches played.
    - Set Win Percentage = number of sets won divided by the number of sets played during the regular season.
    - Average point differential = point differential divided by number of matches played.
  - b. Post season win/loss record.
  - c. Victories against common opponents will be used to break the tie.
  - d. Best overall regular season win/loss record based on percentage.
  - e. Coin toss.