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2025 VOLLEYBALL PLAN BOOK

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SEASON DATES

First Practice Date	August 18
First Jamboree / First Contest Date.....	August 28
6A, 3A, 1A Rankings Freeze Date	10pm, October 25
6A, 3A, 1A Cutoff Date	October 25
5A, 4A, 2A Rankings Freeze Date	10pm, October 28
5A, 4A, 2A Cutoff Date	October 28
6A, 3A, 1A First Round.....	October 29
6A, 3A, 1A Second Round.....	November 1
5A, 4A, 2A First Round.....	November 1
All Quarterfinals – Finals	November 7-8

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NFHS 2025-26 VOLLEYBALL RULES

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For more information about NFHS Volleyball Rules, visit <http://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/volleyball/>.

2025-26 RULES CHANGES

4-2-1h(3), 4-2-1i(2)	Team members may wear black, white or gray undergarments in addition to undergarments that match the predominant color of the uniform top/bottom under the uniform top and/or bottom. All team members, other than the libero, wearing an undergarment must wear the same color. Rationale: Aligns with other NFHS rules codes allowing athletes to wear more commonly found colors of undergarments.
4-2-4d, f	Beginning July 1, 2029, the number on the front of the uniform must be centered on the upper half of the uniform top eliminating the measurement requirements from the shoulder seam and neckline. Rationale: Removes officials from the position of measuring uniforms to verify the legal distance of the number from the shoulder or neckline, creates consistency in number placement, and allows for number placement variances due to player body types.
5-3-2b, 5-5-3b(9)	Eliminates the requirement for the second referee to carry and use a lineup card to check the starting lineups. Rationale: Allows veteran officials to use each coach's submitted lineup sheet to check the starting lineup while allowing the use of the lineup card as a training tool for newer officials to assist with tracking rotations during the match.
9-4-8c (NEW)	Eliminates the judgment call of a multiple contact fault in a single attempt to play the ball on the second team hit if the ball is next contacted by a teammate. Rationale: Allows for play to continue when multiple contacts on the second contact does not create an advantage for the offending team.
10-4 PENALTIES 1	Changes the penalty administration for an illegal libero replacement to an unnecessary delay if identified before contact of serve and an illegal alignment if identified after contact for serve.

	Rationale: Aligns the penalty for an illegal libero replacement with the definition of illegal alignment which occurs on contact of serve.
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2025-26 EDITORIAL CHANGES

4-1 & 4-2 PENALTIES; 4-2-4c; 7-2a; 7-4; 7-1-4 PENALTIES 1 & 2; Signal 1

2025-26 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Lineup Card

The second referee's lineup card is an optional tool to record each team's lineup. It is the choice of the second referee to verify each team's starting lineup prior to each set by using the coaches' submitted lineup sheets or the second referee's lineup card. Some second referees use the lineup card to assist with rotations/positional faults, substitutions/ libero replacements, time-outs and to quickly check the next server. It is recommended for newer officials that are less familiar with the game to use the lineup card as a tool to learn how to track rotations. Veteran officials or those who are more familiar with identifying players and rotations through memorization, opposites or patterns, may choose not to use the lineup card.

Mechanics:

- Lineups must be checked at the beginning of each set by the second referee and the scorer.
- If a second referee chooses to use a lineup card, the starters must be noted, and it is the official's choice to record any additional information.
- When a substitute is requested (by the coach or by the player entering the sub zone), the second referee recognizes a substitute, one at a time, by whistling two short blasts, signaling substitution and showing the authorization to enter signal.
- If using a lineup card, the second referee records the substitution and turns slightly at an angle to ensure that the scorer has recorded the substitution as well.
- If the lineup card is not being used, the second referee simply authorizes the entry and turns slightly at an angle and ensures that the scorer has recorded the substitution.
- Scorers have their way of acknowledging that the entry was made into the scorebook. This should be discussed pre-match with the score crew.
- Immediately following the acknowledgment from the scorer, the second referee turns, takes their position on the receiving team's side of the court and signals the ready to play signal to the first referee.
- If each team has a substitute(s), the second referee should hold their hand up to indicate to that substitute to wait until the second referee has completed the opposing team's request and entry. Regardless of the method, using a lineup card or not, communication with the scorers is crucial in pre-match and during the match to ensure the players are in correct service order.

Ball Handling

Volleyball remains a rebound sport allowing players to play the ball with any part of the body. The sport continues to grow in popularity, with an annual increase in the number of participants and spectators. The inconsistency in judgment of contacts from one official to another and from one player to another causes anxiety for all parties. As the sport has evolved, the rules have adapted to allow multiple contacts on the ball with the caveat that the first referee should only judge the length of time on a body part, whistling a catch/throw or illegal contact, along with the number of contacts made on the same attempt by one player. With the 2025 rules changes, officials no longer adjudicate the multiple contact fault on a second contact when the ball is played to a teammate. What this means for high school volleyball is:

- More play, less whistles.
- Less controversy between coaches (players) and referees.
- A team whose second contact to a teammate is a "double," is allowed one more contact to play the ball over the net.
- Less concern about the consistency of officials between sets/matches and from player to player (setter or non-setter).

Related Mechanics:

- The first referee still needs to be diligent about judging multiple contacts **IF** the ball is contacted by the opponent first, not a teammate. (A double hit, with a slightly delayed whistle)
- The first referee must be prepared to whistle a double contact **IF** the second team contact completely crosses the plane of the net. (A double hit, with a slightly delayed whistle)

- The first referee must continue to call any third contact that is “doubled.”
- The first referee will continue to allow the first ball double that travels over the net.

R1 Assigning LJs

For those states who have selected to remain on the same side of the court throughout the match, the default is for line judges to switch sides of the court between sets to allow for equitable adjudication of the lines. There may be a situation in which the first referee requires line judges to remain on the same side throughout the match. Rule 5-4-1g provides the first referee the authority to do so in order to create the best environment for match administration. First referees may make line judge position assignments based on experience of line judges, level and type of play by one or both teams, and/or observed performance. The authority of the first referee should not be used to prejudge line judges or create an unfair environment for either team. Any divergence from the default line judge positioning should be communicated with both head coaches.

Uniforms – Contrasting Colors

The NFHS Volleyball Rules not only require the libero jersey to clearly contrast from the team jersey, but also the body of the uniform number must clearly contrast from the uniform top. These rules are in place to assist officials in easily identifying the libero as well as player numbers. When the ball and players are on the move, officials must clearly see the libero’s positioning when playing the ball as well as player numbers when watching for net, line, and attack faults. There are infinite color shades and combinations that schools around the country use which makes it very difficult to create rules defining which colors contrast with each other. It is important to emphasize the word “clearly.” The colors should be obviously contrasting from one another in all types of gym lighting when viewing from the floor and the top of the bleachers.

Tips for selecting color combinations:

- If the jersey color is dark, the color of the number should be light or even white.
- If the jersey color is light or white, the color of the number should be dark or even black.
- If the team jersey color is dark, the libero jersey color should be light or even white.
- If the team jersey color is light or white, the libero jersey color should be dark or even black.
- Avoid too many colors on the team jersey as it limits the colors for a legal libero jersey and the uniform numbers.

2025-26 RULES INTERPRETATIONS

Publisher’s Note: The National Federation of State High School Associations is the only source of official high school interpretations. They do not set aside nor modify any rule. They are made and published by the NFHS in response to situations presented.

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SITUATION 1: No. 12 and No. 7 on Team A have hair tinsel weaved into their hair – not creating a safety concern. **RULING:** Legal. **COMMENT:** Hair tinsel is not glitter and does not pose a safety concern. Glitter that can be transferred to the ball or fall onto the floor is illegal equipment. (4-1-8)

SITUATION 2: The head coach of Team A turns in a lineup that has no libero listed. While the R2 is checking the lineup, player No. 5 is in a libero jersey and is standing on the sideline waiting to enter. The R2 confirms with the coach that No. 5 should have been listed as the libero and asks the scorer and assistant scorer to record No. 5 as the libero on the scoresheet and libero tracking sheet. No penalty is assessed. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** If a team submits its lineup with no libero listed, the coach may, without delay, indicate to the second referee the player who will play as libero. The scorer and assistant scorer record the libero number on the scoresheet and libero tracking sheet. No penalty is assessed for the clerical error. If the missing libero is discovered after the set begins, the team must play without a libero for that set. (7-1-4)

SITUATION 3: Team A’s back-row setter jumps to set a second ball above the height of the net and double contacts the ball directly into the hands of a Team B blocker reaching completely over the plane of the net. **RULING:** Over-the-net fault on Team B blocker. **COMMENT:** Team B blocker illegally contacts the ball which is completely on the opponent’s side of the net. The double contact by Team A’s setter was legal since the ball remained on Team A’s side of the net for a Team A player to next play the ball. (9-5-1c, 9-6-3)

SITUATION 4: Team A’s back-row setter jumps to set a second ball above the height of the net and double contacts the ball directly into the hands of a Team B blocker after the ball has entered the plane of the net. **RULING:** Illegal attack fault on Team A setter. **COMMENT:** Team A’s setter commits an illegal attack as soon as the ball breaks the plane of the net. The double hit fault occurs after the illegal attack once contact is made with the blocker. (9-5-4)

2025-26 COMMENTS ON THE RULES

4-2-1h(3), 4-2-1i(2)	Aligning with other NFHS rules codes, team members may wear black, white or gray undergarments in addition to undergarments that match the predominant color of the uniform top/bottom under the uniform top and/or bottom. All team members, other than the libero, wearing an undergarment must wear the same color.
4-2-4d, f	Beginning July 1, 2029, the prescriptive measurements for number placement on the front of the uniform top will be eliminated. The number placement will be considered legal if it is centered on the upper half of the uniform top. This creates consistency in number placement and allows for small variances due to player body types and uniform styles.
5-3-2b, 5-5-3b(9)	The lineup card is now an optional tool for the second referee. Second referees who choose not to use the lineup card will now use the coach's submitted lineup to check the starting lineups and use their memory and knowledge of the game to track rotations. The lineup card should still be used as a training tool for newer officials and/or officials not familiar with offensive patterns and rotations.
9-4-8c (NEW)	The second team contact when directed to a teammate has been added to the list of times when multiple contacts (more than one contact by a player during one attempt to play the ball) are allowed. If the ball is directed into the plane of the net or goes over the net with multiple contacts and next contacted by an opponent a fault has occurred. Allowing multiple contacts on the second team contact that is next contacted by a teammate eliminates the judgment call when no advantage is gained.
10-4 PENALTIES 1	Illegal alignment cannot occur until contact for service. The previous penalty for illegal libero replacement required officials to indicate illegal alignment when an illegal libero replacement was identified after the whistle/signal for serve which did not align with the definition of illegal alignment. The change to adjudicating this penalty based on service contact corrects this issue.

2025-26 UNIFORM RULES

<p>SECTION 2 LEGAL UNIFORM</p> <p>ART. 1 . . . All uniforms shall adhere to the following:</p> <p>a. Uniform tops [with the exception of the libero (4-2-2)] shall be like-colored and uniform bottoms shall be like-colored;</p> <p>b. Uniforms shall be worn as the manufacturer intended;</p> <p>c. Uniforms shall be free of hard and unyielding items (buttons, zippers, snaps, fasteners, etc.);</p> <p>d. A single, visible manufacturer's logo and/or single school name or insignia no more than 2¼ inches are permitted on each visible undergarment;</p> <p>e. The school's name, nickname, logo, mascot and/or team member's name are permitted on the uniform top and/or bottom;</p> <p>f. A single partial/whole manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2¼ inches, is permitted on each piece of the uniform provided placement does not interfere with the visibility of the player's number. Manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference restrictions do not apply to waistbands on uniform bottoms;</p> <p>g. One American flag, not to exceed 2 inches by 3 inches, may be worn or occupy space on each item of uniform apparel. By state association adoption, to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on the uniform without compromising its integrity.</p> <p>h. Uniform top:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bare-midriff tops are not allowed. 2. The uniform top shall hang below or be tucked into the waistband of the uniform bottom when the player is standing upright. 3. Any visible garment (t-shirt, body suits and other similar garments) worn underneath the uniform top shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color that is similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top or be solid black, white or gray. All team members, other than the libero, must wear the same color undershirt. <p>i. Like-colored uniform bottom:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multiple styles of uniform bottoms may be worn by teammates and may include: shorts, spandex, pants or skirts. 2. A visible undergarment may be worn under the uniform bottom. It shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar to the predominant color of the uniform bottom or be solid black, white or gray and may extend below the uniform bottom. All team members must wear the same color undergarment. 	
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ART. 2 . . . The libero uniform top must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the team uniform top, excluding trim. The libero's uniform top cannot be made solely of the same predominant color(s) of the team's uniform top, even if the like color(s) are placed differently on the uniform top. Numbers shall meet all specifications in Rule 4-2-4.

ART. 3 . . . Each player, including the libero, shall be identified by a number on the uniform top which is not a duplicate of a teammate's number. NOTE: When a player's number changes due to blood on or damage to the uniform, the roster is corrected, and no penalty is assessed.

ART. 4 . . . The number shall be:

- a. Permanent and clearly visible;
- b. Not more than two digits(0-99). Beginning July 1, 2028, numbers with a leading zero are not legal (01, 02, etc.);
- c. A plain, Arabic numeral of a solid color, where either the body of the number (measuring not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in width at its narrowest point) or the surrounding solid color(s) of trim (a contrasting border not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width at its widest point) is a color that is in sharp contrast to the color of the uniform top. A shadow on part of the number not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at its widest point is permitted but shall not be used to make the number clearly visible regardless of color. The body of the number must clearly contrast from the body of the uniform regardless of trim;
- d. Located on the upper front and back of the uniform top. Beginning July 1, 2029, the number on the front of the uniform must be centered on the upper half of the uniform top and the requirements in item f. will be eliminated;
- e. At least 4 inches tall on the front of the top and at least 6 inches tall on the back of the top;
- f. 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.

ART. 5 . . . If a visible number is worn on the uniform bottom, it shall be the same number as on the uniform top.

ART. 6 . . . Appropriate playing shoes shall be worn.

ART. 7 . . . Removal of any part of the uniform, top or bottom, while in the playing area is unsporting conduct (yellow card for first offense or red card for subsequent offense) and shall be assessed to the coach.

PENALTIES:

1. Discovery of non-compliant jewelry on a player(s) during warm-up shall result in a referee directing that player, by way of a coach, to remove the jewelry. A player(s) who does not comply shall be charged with unsporting conduct.
2. When a player, not legally equipped, attempts to enter the set, unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card for the first offense or administrative red card for subsequent offense in that set) shall be assessed to the team. The player shall not enter set until the illegal uniform/equipment is replaced or made legal.
3. When a player, not legally equipped, is discovered in the set, unnecessary delay (administrative yellow card for the first offense or administrative red card for subsequent offense in that set) shall be assessed to the team. The player shall be removed until the uniform/equipment is replaced or immediately made legal. Following the administration of unnecessary delay, if the team has a timeout remaining it may be taken, and the player may remain in the set provided the illegal uniform/equipment is replaced or made legal during the time-out period.
4. For subsequent violations by the same team during the set, a loss of rally/point shall be awarded to the opponent. The player(s) shall be removed unless the illegal uniform/equipment is removed or made legal immediately. Following the administration of unnecessary delay, if the team has a timeout remaining, the player may remain in the set provided the illegal uniform/equipment is replaced or made legal during the time-out period.
5. When a team cannot begin the match with six players wearing legal uniforms or without body paint or glitter, a loss of rally/point shall be awarded to the opponent at the beginning of the match, and the state association shall be notified to determine further action or penalty, as deemed necessary.

Requests for rule interpretations or explanations should be directed to the OSAA. The NFHS will assist in answering rules questions from the state associations whenever called upon.

OSAA ADOPTED VOLLEYBALL RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

The 2025-26 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book will be used with the following clarifications:

A. **Team.** A school team shall not compete on more than 18 playing dates / 36 matches, at each level of competition, exclusive of the varsity district playoffs and state championships.

B. **Individual.** A student shall not compete on more than 18 playing dates / 36 matches, exclusive of varsity district playoffs and state championships. ***Additionally, a student shall not compete in more than six total sets per day at different levels.*** If a student exceeds the limit, the match in which the limit is exceeded shall be forfeited. A student may participate in more than one jamboree in a day but is limited to not more than four sets total.

EXCEPTION: The individual limit of *six total sets per day at different levels* does not apply to double duals or tournament play. In tournament play, a student may participate in only one level of competition during that day. Double duals involve two or three *schools* competing on one day. In double dual play, a student may participate in a maximum of *ten sets at the same level* during that day.

Rule 11-5-1, 2 – Provides that a two-minute intermission, for promotional or special recognition activities only, may be used between sets two and three in addition to the regular three-minute interval for a total of five minutes.

OSAA Adoption – This intermission may be used at the varsity level only.

Warm-Up Safety. Risk minimization continues to be a priority for the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee and the OSAA. Though volleyball continues to have one of the lowest injury rates of the 22 high school sports under surveillance, the growing number of concussions occurring during warm-ups as reported annually by the National High School Sports-Related Injury Surveillance System (High School RIO) has increased awareness regarding warm-up procedures before and during the match.

With the risk of injury being highest during shared net warm-up time, no shared net warm-up time is allowed. Teams can warm up on either side of the net without attacking or serving over the net. Required warm up procedures are as follows:

Match Warm-Up Required Protocol: Minimum amount of warm up time is 20 minutes.

- 20-minute warm-up time: 4 minutes shared court time, each team stays on their chosen or assigned side of the net. Then the visiting team takes the full court for 8 minutes, followed by the home team taking the full court for 8 minutes.
- Double Dual Warm-Up Required Protocol: Minimum amount of warm-up time is 16 minutes.
 - 16-minute warm-up time: Two minutes shared court time, each team stays on their chosen or assigned side of the net. Then the visiting team takes the full court for seven minutes, followed by the home team taking the full court for seven minutes.

Tournament Match Warm-Up Required Protocol:

- 10-minute warm-up: The visiting team has the full court for 5 minutes followed by the home team taking the court for 5 minutes.
- 5-minute warm-up: Visiting team has the full court for 2.5 minutes, followed by the home team taking the full court for 2.5 minutes.

Some things to consider when establishing best practices for implementing this warmup protocol include facility space, shared court time, placement of athletes and those assisting with warm-ups, and familiarity of all team members with the warm-up procedures for the match. In addition to pre-game warm-ups, it should be noted that warming up between sets is allowed. Rule 11-5-3 clarifies that teams must remain on their side of the net, in their playable area. No hitting or serving is allowed and volleyballs may be used only on their own side of the playing area.

State Association Adoptions – Team Benches

The NFHS Volleyball Rules Book, like many other NFHS rules books, includes specific rule modifications that are allowed by state level adoption. These specific rules are found throughout the rules book and address match format, forfeit protocol, uniform and equipment accommodations, line judge flags, electronic devices and even bench rotation. These adoptions allow for decisions to be made at a local level regarding rules that have local implications or have no impact on play. For example, states with more rural competition – long bus rides – might opt to have their schools play best two-of-three sets to allow for shorter competition times.

One accommodation of note is the ability for a state association to authorize permission for teams to remain on the same benches throughout the match. A rules consideration for the 2020-21 season due to the spread of COVID-19 – the elimination of rotating benches between sets – was universally well received.

OSAA ADOPTION: In Oregon, we will continue to eliminate the rotating of benches between sets unless there is a significant advantage on one side of the net which may include hoop heights, lights, or reflections. The officiating crew of the contest will determine if there is an advantage or not. In a deciding set situation, benches shall remain the same if they have not been rotated between sets, and the deciding set coin toss would only have the options of serve or receive.

Rule 5-9-2b-Line Judges will switch sides of the court between sets when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match.

Rationale: Align with the original intent of the rule allowing judges to alternate between each set to promote fair officiating.

OSAA ADOPTION: Varsity level required sub-varsity encouraged.

OSAA VOLLEYBALL POLICIES

Effective outside Association Year.

1. SUMMER POLICY

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "SUMMER POLICY" in the OSAA Handbook, revised Fall 2017.

Effective during Association Year, outside the designated OSAA sport season.

2. PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (6A, 5A, 4A)

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (6A, 5A, 4A)" in the OSAA Handbook, revised July 2022.

3. PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (3A, 2A, 1A)

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (3A, 2A, 1A)" in the OSAA Handbook, revised July 2022.

Effective First Practice Date through End of HS Season.

1. PRACTICE MODEL

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "PRACTICE MODEL" in the OSAA Handbook, revised July 2021.

2. PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS" in the OSAA Handbook, revised December 2020.

3. OFFICIALS – CERTIFIED REQUIREMENT

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "OFFICIALS-CERTIFIED REQUIREMENTS" in the OSAA Handbook, revised Summer 2023.

4. INTERRUPTED CONTESTS

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "INTERRUPTED CONTESTS" in the OSAA Handbook, revised Fall 2015.

5. ENDOWMENT GAMES

See OSAA Executive Board Policy "ENDOWMENT GAMES" in the OSAA Handbook, revised September 2022.

[\(Endowment Game Application\)](#)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

1. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS POSTING TIMELINES <https://www.osaa.org/activities/vbl>

- A. **Athletic Directors, Coaches and Spectators**: Detailed information regarding the Volleyball State Championships will be posted on the OSAA website on Thursday, **October 16**. It is essential that participating teams and individuals access this information prior to the state championships. Included will be information regarding ticket prices, parking, maps, how to submit souvenir program information, souvenir merchandise, etc.
- B. **Event Management Information (EMI)**: Beginning Thursday, **October 16**, schools that host state championship games must download Event Management Information from the OSAA website. Included will be information regarding expenses, admission policies, game management & ticket report, ticket booth signs, PA script, etc.

2. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS LOCATIONS AND TIMES

- A. **First and Second Rounds**: Refer to bracket for locations and home team designation. Matches are to be played on the dates indicated on the brackets. Schools have the option, by mutual agreement, to change Saturday matches to Friday. If schools cannot mutually agree, the match will remain as scheduled on the OSAA calendar. Match times are by mutual agreement of both participating schools. If schools cannot mutually agree, the OSAA will make the final decision.
- B. **Quarterfinals – Finals**: All final site matches will be held on November 7-8. OSAA will determine times for all final site matches.
 - 1) 6A, 5A – Forest Grove HS, 1401 Nichols Lane, Forest Grove, OR 97116
 - 2) 4A – North Bend HS, 2323 Pacific Ave, North Bend, OR 97459
3A – Marshfield HS, 972 Ingersoll Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420
 - 3) 2A – Eastern Oregon University, One University Blvd, La Grande, OR 97850
 - 4) 1A – La Grande HS, 708 K Ave, La Grande, OR 97850

3. PLAYOFF QUALIFICATIONS

A. 6A – 32-Team OSAA Bracket

- 1) **Automatic Qualifiers** – 21 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 32-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before **Saturday, October 25**. Each league determines how they will select their three allotted playoff spots.
- 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at ***the conclusion of all contests*** on **Saturday, October 25**.
- 3) **At-Large Qualifiers** – Eleven additional teams qualify for the OSAA's 32-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings. Once the rankings are frozen, the eleven highest ranked teams not already an automatic league qualifier will qualify as At-Large teams.
- 4) **Rankings** – Once the 32 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Executive Board Policy "[State Championships – Rankings.](#)"

B. 5A – 16-Team OSAA Bracket

- 1) **Automatic Qualifiers** – 14 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before **Tuesday, October 28**. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.

Northwest Oregon – 4; Midwestern – 3; Mid-Willamette – 4; Intermountain – 3
- 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at ***the conclusion of all contests*** on **Tuesday, October 28**.
- 3) **At-Large Qualifiers** – Two additional teams will qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings. Once the rankings are frozen, the two highest ranked teams not already an automatic league qualifier will qualify as At-Large teams.
- 4) **Rankings** – Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Executive Board Policy "[State Championships – Rankings.](#)"

C. 4A – 16-Team OSAA Bracket

- 1) **Automatic Qualifiers** – Twelve teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before Tuesday, October 28. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.

Cowapa – 2; Tri-Valley – 2; Oregon West - 2; Sky Em – 2; Skyline - 2; Greater Oregon – 2
- 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at the conclusion of all contests on **Tuesday, October 28**.
- 3) **At Large Qualifiers** – ***Four additional teams will qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings. Once the rankings are frozen, the four highest ranked third place teams from the leagues will qualify as At-Large teams.***
- 4) **Rankings** – Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Executive Board Policy "[State Championships – Rankings.](#)"

D. 3A – 20-Team OSAA Bracket

- 1) **Automatic Qualifiers** – 17 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 20-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before **Saturday, October 25**. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.

Lewis & Clark – 3; Coastal Range – 3; PacWest – 3; Mountain Valley – 2; Far West – 2; Eastern Oregon – 2; Southern Oregon - 2
- 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at ***the conclusion of all contests*** on **Saturday, October 25**.
- 3) **At-Large Qualifiers** – Three additional teams will qualify for the OSAA's 20-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings. Once the rankings are frozen, the three highest ranked teams not already an automatic league qualifier will qualify as At-Large teams.
- 4) **Rankings** – Once the 20 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Executive Board Policy "[State Championships – Rankings.](#)"

E. 2A – 16-Team OSAA Bracket

- 1) **Automatic Qualifiers** – 14 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before **Tuesday, October 28**. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.

Northwest – 3; Tri-River – 3; Valley Coast – 2; Blue Mountain – 2; Sunset – 2; East Cascades -- 2

- 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at the **conclusion of all contests on Tuesday, October 28**.
- 3) **At-Large Qualifiers** – Two additional teams will qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings. Once the rankings are frozen, the two highest ranked teams not already an automatic league qualifier will qualify as At-Large teams.
- 4) **Rankings** – Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Executive Board Policy "[State Championships – Rankings](#)."

F. **1A – 32-Team OSAA Bracket**

- 1) **Automatic Qualifiers** – 24 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 32-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before **Saturday, October 25**. Each league determines how they will select their three allotted playoff spots.
- 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at the **conclusion of all contests on Saturday, October 25**.
- 3) **At-Large Qualifiers** – Eight additional teams qualify for the OSAA's 32-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings. Once the rankings are frozen, the eight highest ranked teams not already an automatic league qualifier will qualify as At-Large teams.
- 4) **Rankings** – Once the final 32 teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Executive Board Policy "[State Championships – Rankings](#)."

4. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - HOME TEAM DESIGNATION** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Revised Fall 2018)

During all rounds of each OSAA State Championship bracket, the team with the better Adjusted Playoff Ranking (APR) shall be the designated home team.

5. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM SIZE** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Revised Fall 2024)

- A. The following limitations shall apply to replacement players and maximum team sizes for team sport State Championship events, first round through championship final. **NOTE:** Only players in uniform are allowed to participate in pre-game warm-ups.
- B. **Penalties for excessive team size:** Suiting up, warming up, or playing too many players shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct and may be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.
- 6) **Volleyball.** Team: Replacement of players applies to each match. A player replaced on the roster may be reinstated to the roster in subsequent matches. Maximum in uniform: 6A – 16; All other classifications – 14.

6. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – ADOPTED BALL** (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Fall 2010)

The OSAA shall require that the officially adopted ball for that sport be used in all state championship contests, first round through final sites.

A. **State Championship Contests at Home Sites.**

- 1) **Team sports (other than football).**
 - a) **Procedure.** Officials shall confirm that the game balls provided by the home team are the officially adopted balls (Wilson Nova; white or multi-colored). If the home team does not have the officially adopted ball, officials shall inquire if the visiting team has the officially adopted ball and use them if they are available. If neither team has the officially adopted ball, the contest shall be played, and officials shall report the violation by the host school to the OSAA.
 - b) **Penalty.** If no officially adopted balls are available for use at an OSAA state championship contest, the host school shall be subject to fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

- B. **State Championship Contests Administered by OSAA Staff.** Officially adopted balls (Wilson K1 Gold; OSAA will provide multi-colored balls in white/navy/red) shall be provided by OSAA staff administering the contests.

OSAA GENERAL POLICIES

RULES

Rule 3 – Contests – Sportsmanship – Crowd Control *(OSAA Handbook, Rules)*

See RULES - Athletic, Cheerleading and Dance/Drill “Rule 3-Contests-Sportsmanship-Crowd Control” in the OSAA Handbook.

Rule 7 – Out-of-Season and Non-School Activities *(OSAA Handbook, Rules)*

See RULES - Athletic, Cheerleading and Dance/Drill “Rule 7-Out of Season and Non-School Activities” in the OSAA Handbook.

EXECUTIVE BOARD POLICIES

1. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS / AREA-WIDE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS/AREA-WIDE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES” in the OSAA Handbook, revised May 2020.

2. AIR QUALITY GUIDELINES

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “AIR QUALITY GUIDELINES” in the OSAA Handbook, revised February 2024.

3. ATTACHED AND UNATTACHED COMPETITION / EXHIBITION

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “ATTACHED AND UNATTACHED COMPETITION/EXHIBITION” in the OSAA Handbook, revised August 2012.

4. CERTIFICATION – ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND COACHES

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “CERTIFICATION-ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND COACHES” in the OSAA Handbook, **revised May 2024**.

5. CHARITABLE CAUSES

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “CHARITABLE CAUSES” in the OSAA Handbook, revised Fall 2012.

6. CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT” in the OSAA Handbook, revised Summer 2020.

[\(Medical Release – Return to Participation Following a Concussion\)](#) [\(Medical Release – Return to Learn Following a Concussion\)](#)

7. HAIR DEVICE / ADORNMENT

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “HAIR DEVICE/ADORNMENT” in the OSAA Handbook, revised Summer 2022.

8. HEAT INDEX

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “HEAT INDEX” in the OSAA Handbook, revised Fall 2014.

[\(Heat Index Calculator\)](#) [\(Heat Index Record\)](#)

9. MORATORIUM WEEK

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “MORATORIUM WEEK” in the OSAA Handbook, revised May 2014.

10. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY” in the OSAA Handbook, revised July 2019.

[\(Complaint Form\)](#)

11. SHARED FACILITIES

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “SHARED FACILITIES” in the OSAA Handbook, revised Fall 2015.

[\(Shared Facility Request\)](#)

12. WITHDRAWAL DURING A COMPETITION *(OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies)*

See OSAA Executive Board Policy “WITHDRAWAL DURING A COMPETITION” in the OSAA Handbook.