



2020 RULES & GUIDELINES

SEASON GOALS:
HAVE FUN!!!! GROW THE GAME!!!!
KEEP THINGS SIMPLE!!!! BE PATIENT!!!!

**THE MN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE SERVES STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN MINNESOTA SCHOOLS.**

A. SCHEDULE, CONFERENCES, & TOURNAMENTS:

Each TEAM will be scheduled to play 10-12 competition dates.

LAST MINUTE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS: Game Day Schedules, Gyms/Facility, Locations, and Start Time adjustments may occur due to inclement weather and spring sport cancellations/ rescheduling and indoor practice needs. **FLEXIBILITY WILL BE CRITICAL!** Real-time adjustments will be communicated as quickly as possible via the site director and/or MN Boys HSVB Assn.

RESCHEDULING PROCEDURES: (NORTHERN MN - PROCEDURE DOES NOT APPLY - CONTACT DEREK HART ONLY)

If a match must be rescheduled due to inclement weather or lack of facility, please proceed with the following steps AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

The **HOSTING HEAD COACH** will:

1. Send ONE GROUP email notification of postponement to the group noted below.
2. Contact the opposing Head Coach to determine and agree upon a new date of competition.
3. Send ONE GROUP email notification with the rescheduled date, time, location and teams playing.

BRAD ABERG WILL INFORM/REASSIGN OFFICIALS. MN BOYS WILL UPDATE THE WEBSITE LEAGUE SCHEDULE.

GROUP EMAIL INCLUDES:

- Visiting Team Director and/or Coach - See the Coach Directory posted under GAME DAY RESOURCES on the Website
- Brad Aaberg (officials director): aaberg.brad@gmail.com
- Jenny Kilkelly: jenny@gonyealand.com
- Krista Flemming: kristaflemming@gmail.com

MN BOYS HSVB ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESCHEDULING POSTPONED MATCHES. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR MATCHES THAT ARE NOT RESCHEDULED.

COMPETITION DATES & TIMES:

- Competitions will be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays the last week of March, April and May to the best of the League’s ability. Other days/dates may be available to accommodate conflicts, but are not guaranteed.
- A single match schedule will be played by EACH team on EACH competition date. Each School will play 1 JV Match (2 of 3 Sets) followed by 1 Varsity Match (3 of 5 Sets).
- JV matches will begin at approximately 6:00pm with Varsity’s Official 10 minute Warm-Up starting 10 minutes AFTER completion of the JV match. Varsity players are allowed to ball handle on a shared court during this 10 minute break between JV match and start of Varsity Warm-Up.
- Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance and announcement of Varsity Players is strongly encouraged (not required) prior to the start of each regular weekday competition.

CONFERENCE PLAY:

- Each SCHOOL will play EACH CONFERENCE SCHOOL at least once.
- Conference champions and placings will be determined by the win-loss record.
- Schools that play each other more than once will ONLY count the LATEST of multiple competition dates.
- Tournament match-ups of conference teams will NOT count for conference play or season rankings.

ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS: Each Conference will designate an All-Conference Team. The number of awards available to each team will depend on the final conference standings.

	NW	NE	SW	SE	EAST	NORTHERN MN	SOUTHERN MN
	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards
1st	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
2nd	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
3rd	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
4th	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
5th	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
6th	1	2	2	2	2	1	
7th	1	1	1	1	2	1	
8th	1	1	1	1	1		
9th		1	1	1	1		
10th					1		
Total	16	18	18	18	20	13	10

- Each coach will submit the name/names of player/s nominated for all-conference and all other player information including high school, graduation class, and position to MN Boys HSVB Association **by Noon on Tuesday May 12, 2020.**
- Head Coaches have sole discretion for awarding/acknowledging All-Conference Awards up to the the maximum number allotted per conference team placing. Mn Boys HSVB Association will provide a standard PDF certificate award template for recognition of this award.

CONFERENCE DESIGNATIONS:

Conference designations are set by the Mn Boys HSVB Association Board as of February 4, 2020. The number of state tournament qualifying conference entrants and All-Conference Awards shall remain the same as approved on February 4, 2020, even in the event that a school drops from or is added to the league after this date.

CONFERENCE TIES:

- IF there is a tie within the Conference standings, head-to-head competition (ONLY the LATEST match, if multiple competitions) will be used for tie breaking purposes.
- IF there is a 3-WAY TIE, the following procedure will be used:
 - (a) match record between all tied teams;
 - (b) set record during matches between all tied teams; set record determined by set percentage
 - (c) set win percentage record of ALL conferences matches;
 - (d) flip of the coin.

IN-SEASON TOURNAMENTS:

- Tournaments are **OPTIONAL** for all schools and are an **additional fee** to participate.
- Tournament fees are **NOT** covered as part of the MN Boys HSVB Assn League Fee.
- Tournaments locations, dates, and availability to JV and Varsity Teams vary.
- There are no limitations to the number of tournaments played by any school or team.
- Each tournament format will be determined by the host site.

YEAREND STATE TOURNAMENT: 16 VARSITY TEAMS WILL CONTEND FOR THE 2020 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE. This is a 2 Day tournament at Shakopee High School on May 16 and 17, 2020.

STATE TOURNAMENT CONFERENCE QUALIFIERS: Each Conference will have a designated number of state tournament entrants based on the following criteria:

<u>Number of Schools in the Conference</u>	=	<u>Number of State Tournament Entrants</u>
5 OR 6 Schools	=	Conference Champion (1 School)
7 OR 8 Schools	=	Top 2 in the Conference (2 Schools)
9 OR MORE Schools	=	Top 3 in the Conference (3 Schools)

- This tournament will have an **additional \$200 entry fee**.
- IF there is a tie for ANY place in the conference, the tie breaker process noted under the Conference Ties Section will apply.
- EACH qualifying Entrant will have the option to accept or decline the state tournament bid. IF a bid is declined, the next highest placed school in the conference will be offered the bid. This process will continue until all bids are accepted from each conference.
- A total of 15 players, 2 managers and/or statisticians, and up to 4 coaches are allowed on the state tournament roster (21 maximum).

B. **LEAGUE RULES:** The MSHSL girls volleyball rules will be the basis for competitive play. In an attempt to increase the number and length of rallies, create excitement, and improve overall technique long term, the MN Boys HSVB Association determined the following will apply to the 2020 Boys High School Club Season:

GENERAL:

- Teams will generally consist of 9th – 12th Grade Boys - Schools may include 7-8th if needed
- Net height set at regulation Men's Height of 7' 11 5/8"
- JV AND Varsity Warm-Ups will be 10 minutes (5 Visitor On, 5 Home On)
- JV Matches are best 2 of 3 sets to 25 with the 3rd set played to 15 and played only if needed. No switching sides in 3rd, Win by 2 points – No Cap
- Varsity Matches are best 3 out of 5 to 25 pts, 5th set played to 15 pts, No switching sides in 5th, Win by 2 points – No Cap
- A modified score sheet and libero/line-up/substitution tracking form will be used in place of an official scorebook.

RULE MODIFICATIONS:

- The ONLY allowed "DOUBLE" contact call will be when a player contacts the ball 2 times in a row. **THERE WILL BE NO BALL HANDLING, "DOUBLE" CONTACT CALLS.**
- A "LIFT" will be called without leniency for ANY touch having a prolonged contact where the ball came to rest before traveling in another direction.
- The R1 will ***be patient and explain calls in depth*** with no yellow cards for delays in game **until April 17.**
- The R1 will be responsible to check line-ups and watch overlapping instead of the R2. The R1 will correct overlapping situations without calling a violation **until April 17.**

OFFICIATING: The MN Boys HSVB Association will provide one paid referee (R1) for each court.

- There will be 1 paid official serving as the R1 or "UP" Referee also taking on R2 "DOWN" umpire duties and calls, as necessary. Metro Volleyball Association will assign officials at their discretion.
- IF an official is late or delayed, a coach or experienced adult should start warm ups and officiate the JV Match until the official arrives. IF the official does not make it to the match, both head coaches of the participating teams will agree upon using a coach or experienced adult from the home site as the R1 for the Varsity match.
- Each Coach is required to conduct an official's training session to their players prior to the first match of the season. Coaches will be provided an official's module to be used when conducting this training.
- Referees, coaches, parents, and players are **EXPECTED TO BE PATIENT** and assist with teaching the rules of volleyball. This may include coaches taking time to physically instruct on the court during the match.

- **BOTH TEAMS will assist with officiating BOTH JV AND VARSITY matches for ALL game days.**
 - The “HOME” team will provide people for the score table and R2 for the night.
 - The “VISITOR” team will provide people for line judges for the night.
 - IF 2 teams are playing at a neutral site, 1 team will be designated HOME and 1 as VISITOR. The HOME team will provide 2-3 score people and the R2 (Varsity Match Only) for both matches. The VISITOR team will provide 2 line judges for both matches.
- **NO shared officiating will occur for tournaments. Teams will be assigned matches to officiate.**
- **R2 Requirements:** R2 responsibilities will be limited to calling Net and Centerline Fouls ONLY. R2 will assist with touch and line calls. An R2 will NOT be used for JV matches. An Experienced Adult/Coach or experienced JV Player is recommended as the R2 for Varsity matches.
- “Off” Players will line judge, operate the score board, track the score, and manage the libero/line-up/substitution tracking sheet. A coach must but must be present and overseeing the officiating crew at all times.
- NO PLAYERS ALLOWED ON CELL PHONES WHILE OFFICIATING.
- NO EXTRA, NON-TEAM PLAYERS SITTING AT SCORE TABLE.

TEAM SIZE AND SETS PLAYED PER NIGHT: ALL schools will play a JV **AND** a Varsity Match regardless of the number of rostered players. (Northern MN Conference is the ONLY exception.)

- A MINIMUM of 6 players will be required for ANY JV or Varsity competition. If less than 6 players, a team will be required to forfeit, but allowed to scrimmage with 5 players OR offer opposing team players to join their team to scrimmage if both coaches agree. JV allowed to play 2 sets to 25 and Varsity plays 3 sets to 25.
- IF a team starts the match with 6 players and 1 player is injured during play, the team will be allowed to continue play with 5 players and use the “ghost” rule for the 6th player for the remainder of the match.
- There will be a 6 rostered player MINIMUM per school with NO maximum limit. If a school does not have enough players to field 2 separate teams (JV and Varsity), players will be allowed to play in ALL sets of BOTH matches. ****See “DON’T BE A JERK RULE” below for recommended play guidelines.**
- **“DON’T BE A JERK RULE”** - Requiring all schools have a JV and Varsity Match will emulate a girls match and helps many boys get the chance to play more even when a school has limited players.
- The intention is NOT to “stack” the best players on a JV team AND have them play the Varsity match while less capable players sit out. Calling it the “DON’T BE A JERK RULE” emphasizes a common sense idea of playing fair and providing opportunities.
- Although there will not be official rosters or enforcement of total sets played (due to the coming and going of dual activity players) it is generally expected that the least experienced players will play the JV match and the most experienced players play the Varsity match.

(RECOMMENDED ONLY) SET PLAY GUIDELINES

1. IF 12 OR LESS PLAYERS for an entire school (JV and Varsity combined), it is recommended that any player be allowed to play as many sets as needed in one night. It is recommended, IF POSSIBLE, that a maximum of 2 players play an unlimited number of sets on both JV AND Varsity. All other players are limited to 5 sets maximum per night. Keep in mind and when in doubt "DON'T BE A JERK"!
2. IF 12-15 PLAYERS for an entire school (JV and Varsity combined), it is recommended that ALL players be limited to playing a 5 set maximum per night.
3. IF MORE THAN 15 PLAYERS for an entire school (JV and Varsity combined), it is recommended that ALL players be divided equally between JV and Varsity teams and limited to playing the JV - 3 set or Varsity - 5 set maximum per night.

- C. **HOST SITE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS:** Each school will determine the best way to handle site management on competition dates. If additional fees are incurred, the hosting school will incorporate this into their own budget and player fees.

THE HOST SITE WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. SCHOOLS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHARGE **ADMISSION FEES** AT THEIR DISCRETION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR SCHOOL POLICIES.
2. IDENTIFY SITE MANAGER. – THIS COULD BE A PARENT VOLUNTEER, TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR. COACHES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ACT AS THE ONSITE MANAGER AS THEY WILL BE COACHING OR OFFICIATING AT ALL TIMES.
3. 10 BALLS AND 1 CART PER COURT MINIMUM. **ALL MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED WITH THE BADEN VCOR VOLLEYBALL PROVIDED BY THE HOST SCHOOL.**
4. A SCORE TABLE WITH VISUAL SCOREBOARD (FLIP SCORE IS FINE), LINE-UP SHEETS, LIBERO TRACKING SHEETS, SCORE SHEETS, TIMER & PENS/PENCILS ON EACH COURT.
5. PROVIDE ACCESS TO ICE AND BASIC FIRST AID, IF NEEDED.
6. IDENTIFY BATHROOMS OR LOCATION WHERE PLAYERS CAN CHANGE.
7. A NATIONAL ANTHEM OR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ALL VARSITY PLAYERS PRIOR TO START OF THE VARSITY MATCH IS ENCOURAGED.

REPORTING SCORES:

- HOST SITES WILL SEND SCORES AND/OR SCORESHEETS (SCANNED IMAGES OR PHOTOS VIA EMAIL OR TEXT) TO MNBOYSHSVBALL@GMAIL.COM OR 612-518-0359

BY MIDNIGHT OF THE COMPETITION DATE.

Host sites that fail to report scores on competition date may be considered ineligible for the end of season state tournament.

- **JV SCORES DO NOT NEED TO BE REPORTED OR RECORDED ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE SCHEDULE.**

www.mnboyshighschoolvolleyball.com

D. **TEAM ROSTERS:** Schools will post team rosters on corresponding League Web Page **BY APRIL 10**. Team rosters will be publically accessible at www.mnboyshighschoolvolleyball.com.

E. **UNIFORMS:**

- Uniforms will have a number on the front – 4” Minimum
- Uniforms will have a number on the back – 6” Minimum
- Libero jersey will be a contrasting color (Black & Navy are not contrasting colors)
- Athletic Shoes are Required, Kneepads & Volleyball Shoes are optional

F. **COMBINED SCHOOLS & SINGLE PLAYER PLACEMENT:**

- **COMBINED SCHOOL POLICY:** Schools will be allowed to combine with other schools in close proximity in order to field teams. Schools wishing to combine with another school will seek approval from the MN Boys HSVB Assn to do so. Schools must be within general proximity or adjacent to each other to be considered for combining.
- **SINGLE PLAYER POLICY:** Players that are interested in playing boys high school volleyball, but their high school does not have a program can apply for possible placement on a league team. MN Boys High School Volleyball Association will review applications and decide if an existing high school program has a need for an additional, SINGLE PLAYER. **Placement is not guaranteed.** The best way to guarantee playing in the boys high school volleyball league is to work to establish a team at your own school.
- **SUPER TEAM POLICY:** The MN Boys HS VB Association does not want to create or allow “super teams” (see definition below). MN Boys will have sole discretion in determining which schools will be allowed to combine, and where single players will be placed on an annual basis. “SUPER TEAMS” WILL NOT BE ALLOWED:
 - i. **SUPER TEAMS:** Volleyball programs heavily weighted with rogue Junior Club players from multiple school districts. Mn Boys HS VB Board will have sole discretion as to what is deemed a “Super Team”. Super Teams will not be eligible for the MN Boys HS VB state tournament.

The following rules will apply to all SINGLE PLAYERS:

- ii. MN Boys HSVB Assn will decide placement in this priority: Nearest Location, then Program Need for Additional Players, then “Super Team” status. Coaches/players will NOT decide placements.
- iii. Multiple SINGLE PLAYERS from the same school MUST play together at the same school program.
- iv. A registered high school program does NOT have to accept single players.

SINGLE PLAYERS WILL:

1. Pay the School’s fee to participate (set by the program you’re placed with).
2. Commit to the team you are joining. This means you are available for all practices and competitions any day of the week.
3. Transport yourself to/from practice and matches.
4. Once placed with a School, you will have the choice to accept or decline that placement. If you decline, you are also choosing to withdraw from participation in the 2020 Season.

G. **INSURANCE:** Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) will be the insurance provider for each 2020 player, coach, and parent chaperone.

- Each SCHOOL is responsible to register players and coaches with JVA prior to competitive play.
- Each COACH will be required to obtain a background check with good standing from JVA.
- Each COACH will need to complete the JVA “Abuse Prevention System” (APS) 90 Minute Online Module before your team can participate in a competition. Anyone who completed JVA APS in 2019 will not have to complete APS for the 2020 season.

H. **LETTERING:**

- EACH school will determine their own Lettering Requirements as per its affiliated school policies.