



OKLAHOMA

BOYS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

HOW TO START A TEAM

1. Contact Oklahoma Boys Volleyball Association

- [Contact OKBVA](#) expressing interest in starting a boys volleyball team at your school
- OKBVA will provide you with resources to get your team off the ground & answer any initial questions you may have

2. Recruit Boys to Play

- Open for 7th–12th graders
- If a school has 16+ players, we suggest running a JV and Varsity team

3. Find a Coach/Team Lead

- This can be the same person...parent, teacher, etc.
- Responsibilities include but not limited to: being the contact person for OKBVA directors to schedule game, collecting player dues/paying team dues, and scheduling practice time

4. Talk to Your Athletic Director

- Create a school-recognized, boys high school volleyball club or intramural team through the Athletic/Activities Department
- Ask about using gym space for practices and games (Aug-Nov) ○ Ask about using volleyball equipment – net system & volleyballs (girls volleyball program or physical education department)
- Ask if you can market the boys volleyball club team throughout the school
- Ask if there are any funding opportunities through the school

5. Obtain Jerseys & Equipment

- Jerseys – using old jerseys from other sports or design and create new jerseys.
- Volleyballs – If unable to purchase boys volleyballs, utilize volleyballs from girls volleyball program or physical education department

6. Funding

- Establish what player dues will be
- OKBVA has a budget template available if needed

7. Sign up to be in the OKBVA League

- Submit season [league registration form](#) and \$300 league fee per team



Boys High School Volleyball

The Fastest Growing Sport in America

By the Numbers:

- **22% growth over the last 5 years.** Boys High School Volleyball growth has doubled lacrosse and soccer growth and outpaced the growth of all other high school sports as well
- **63,000 boys participated in high school volleyball in 2018-2019** according to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Despite already being recognized as the fastest growing sport by NFHS, *boys high school volleyball participation in the U.S. is still underestimated.* Thousands of boys are competing in boys' high school volleyball in states that do not yet sanction the sport and do not report their numbers to NFHS.

Reasons for Growth:

- Boys want to play. Boys volleyball is a fast-paced, power game that puts a premium on teamwork and communication
- Girls and women's volleyball coaches across the country are supporting the growth of boys and men's volleyball
- Volleyball is recognized as one of the top 10 safest sports in the world. Only swimming is safer for high school boys.
- Costs are low

Top States for Boys High School Volleyball by Participants in

2018-2019: • California – 22,224

- Illinois – 7,341
- New Jersey – 4,518
- New York – 3,985
- Pennsylvania – 3,636
- **Others of note:** Arizona, Florida, Massachusetts, Wisconsin

Examples of States on the Move Growing Boys High School Volleyball:

- **Colorado** – Colorado High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) has recently sanctioned boys' high school volleyball state-wide. More than 1,000 boys are expected to participate in boys high school volleyball in Colorado in the Spring of 2020.
- **Minnesota** – Olympic Gold Medal Coach Hugh McCutcheon is helping lead efforts in the Gopher State to add Boys High School Volleyball. More than 1,000 boys are expected to participate in boys high school club volleyball in Minnesota this year
- **South Carolina** – USA Volleyball's Palmetto Region has dedicated \$100,000 to awarding grants to start boys high school teams in South Carolina

To find out how to get involved in growing Boys High School Volleyball in your State: • Go to FirstPointVolleyball.com, or call Kenny Rogers, First Point Volleyball Foundation Director of Strategic Initiatives at 310.692.0162