



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GUIDELINES

1. SEASON

- 1.1. Starting date is determined by the North Coast Section of the CIF
- 1.2. Ending date of league round robin play will be one week prior to the NCS seeding meeting.
- 1.3. The DVAL tournament will be played the final week of the regular season. DVAL tournament games will not count toward the maximum number of contests, as per CIF and NCS rules.

2. CONTEST INFORMATION

- 2.1. League Play: Double round robin – home and home.
- 2.2. Game Times: Frosh: 4:00; JV: 5:00 to follow frosh; Varsity: 6:30 to follow JV. If Schools do not have a frosh or JV, Varsity games will start no earlier than 5:30 pm.
- 2.3. Days of Play: Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 2.4. Contest Format:
 - 2.4.1. Rally scoring will be used at all levels of volleyball as per CIF/National Federation rules.
 - 2.4.2. Number of games in a match: Frosh and JV matches will consist of the best two out of three games with the third game be to 15 pts. Varsity matches will consist of three out of five games with the fifth game being to 15 pts.
 - 2.4.3. Warm-up time will begin immediately after the coin toss.
 - 2.4.4. Games will be preceded by twenty (20) minute warm-up period
 - 2.4.5. Preliminary warm-up time will be 6-7-7. (Six minutes common time; seven minutes with whole court).
 - 2.4.6. Home team hits first in pre-game warm-ups.

3. PREVAILING RULES

- 3.1. Official rules will be the current edition of The National Federation of State High School Association Rule Book.
- 3.2. Eligibility:
 - 3.2.1. Any player may play Varsity or JV on any given day, but not both.
 - 3.2.2. Seniors are not allowed to play on JV team.

4. DETERMINING CHAMPIONS

- 4.1. League Champion:
- 4.2. The league champion will be the winner of round robin play. If there is a tie, all involved teams will be designated as co or tri champions.

5. NORTH COAST SECTION QUALIFYING AND AT-LARGE BERTHS

- 5.1. The automatic representative to the NCS will be the winner of the DVAL tournament. 2015 – There will be a one game playoff on the final Thursday of the season in the case of a tie for first place.

5.2. Any DVAL team that meets NCS qualifications may apply for any at-large berth.

6. DVAL Tournament – No DVAL Tournament for the final year of the league.

- 6.1. The top four teams at the end of league round robin play will advance to the DVAL tournament.
- 6.2. In the case of a tie, the tie breaking criteria will be used to determine seeding or qualification.
- 6.3. The top two seeds will host the first round playoff games.
- 6.4. The championship game will be played at the site of the highest remaining seed.
- 6.5. The first round games will be played on Tuesday. The finals will be played on Thursday.

7. TIE BREAKING CRITERIA

- 7.1. Head to head competition
- 7.2. If two teams are tied and split the regular season contests:
 - 7.2.1. then the team that lost the fewest number of sets during the two matches between those two teams is the winner of the tie breaker.
 - 7.2.2. If the teams are still tied then the team that lost the fewest number of sets during league matches is the winner of the tie breaker.
 - 7.2.3. If the teams are still tied then the team that won the second match is the winner of the tie breaker.
- 7.3. In the case of a three way tie:
 - 7.3.1. Once the tie is broken the criteria reverts back to head to head competition.
 - 7.3.2. The total number of sets lost in regular season matches amongst the three teams involved in the tie will be used to break the tie. The team with the fewest sets lost will win the tie breaker.
 - 7.3.3. If the teams are still tied then the total number of sets lost in league matches will be used to break the tie.
 - 7.3.4. If the teams are still tied then a random drawing will be used to determine the winner of the tie breaker.

8. ALL LEAGUE SELECTION AND HONORABLE MENTION

- 8.1. All DVAL first and second teams, plus honorable mention, will be selected at the end of the regular season. Those selected will be Varsity level only.
- 8.2. One (1) Most Valuable Player (MVP) will be selected or in case of a tie Co-MVP's will be awarded.
- 8.3. All League selection will be based on ability only.
- 8.4. Voting will be done by teams—1st team then 2nd team.
- 8.5. Coaches may not vote for their own players.
- 8.6. League Commissioner will be responsible for distributing All League certificates.
- 8.7. DVAL All League Team will consist of:
 - 8.7.1. One MVP
 - 8.7.2. Seven First Team All League players
 - 8.7.3. Seven Second Team All League players
 - 8.7.4. In case of a tie additional player can be added to 1st or 2nd team.
 - 8.7.5. Seven Honorable Mention players, with at least one Honorable Mention player from each team.
 - 8.7.6. All selected players for first and second teams plus honorable mention will receive DVAL certificates.
 - 8.7.7. MVP and 1st Team Players also receive medals.