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## **2024 VOLLEYBALL PLAN BOOK**

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### **SEASON DATES**

First Practice Date .....	August 19
First Jamboree / First Contest Date .....	August 29
4A Rankings Freeze Date .....	10pm, October 24
6A, 3A, 1A Rankings Freeze Date .....	10pm, October 26
6A, 3A, 1A Cutoff Date.....	October 26
5A, 2A Rankings Freeze Date.....	10pm, October 29
5A, 4A, 2A Cutoff Date.....	October 29
6A, 3A, 1A First Round.....	October 30
6A, 3A, 1A Second Round .....	November 2
5A, 4A, 2A First Round.....	November 2
All Quarterfinals – Finals .....	November 8-9

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### **NFHS 2024-25 VOLLEYBALL RULES**

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

### **2024-25 RULES CHANGES**

<p><b>4-2-3a, 7-1-1 NOTE</b></p>	<p>Allows a player to change uniform numbers without penalty when a uniform is damaged in addition to when a uniform has blood on it.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Adds language to <i>Rule 4: Uniforms</i> regarding the proper procedure for a legal uniform number change and expands to include a damaged uniform as a legal reason for changing a uniform number. Aligns language in Rules 4 and 7.</p>
<p><b>5-4-3c(1)</b></p>	<p>Allows all players on the roster, not just starting players, to stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Encourages the inclusion of all players in the pre-match announcements.</p>
<p><b>5-9-2b NOTE (NEW), State Association Adoption Chart</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Aligns with the original intent of the rule allowing line judges to alternate between each set to promote fair officiating.</p>
<p><b>11-4-1b</b></p>	<p>Allows teams to substitute during an injury time-out for the libero replacement if the libero is injured or ill.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Allows for the immediate substitution of the libero replacement who may be playing out of position due to the injury to the libero.</p>

### **2024-25 EDITORIAL CHANGES**

**Suggested Pre-match Protocol (NEW)** - Provides guidance for establishing standardized pre-match protocols as well as timed warm-ups.

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

## **2024-25 POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

### **Ball Handling**

Volleyball is a rebound sport and players are able to use any body part to play the ball. The official's judgment on the legality of each contact continues to be a controversial topic. The goal for players is to master ball control; for officials it is a goal to maintain a consistent level of ball handling from set to set and from match to match. Coaches play a role in the consistency equation with their methods of training, the expectations placed on their players, and the desired level of allowance by the officials. The spectators are influenced by their coaches' reactions, the spin of the ball, and their personal opinions, while the officials need to remain neutral to maintain fairness for both teams.

It was stated in a previous NFHS Volleyball Points of Emphasis that volleyball's goal was to increase the continuation of play when judging second ball contacts that are directed to a teammate. A player in a good position must play the ball without discernible double contact. Less severe judgment is applied to a contact by a player who makes a challenging or spectacular play while maintaining a legal play.

Mishandled balls resulting in a blatant fault should still be called, regardless of the challenging or spectacular nature of the play. Multiple contacts on the third ball must be whistled.

With the increase of the players' athleticism, officials are being challenged to judge the legality of the first contact, as well. The rule states that the ball is not allowed to come to rest or involve prolonged contact. The fact that the contact is an underhand action or done with an open hand is not an automatic call. Players are able to legally take a stab at the ball in an attempt to keep the ball alive as they pursue an errant contact from their teammate. A whistle should accompany prolonged contact.

All skills should be judged similarly, according to the rules. Players are utilizing the setter dump effectively, while attackers are tipping the ball deeper into their opponent's court and tipping with more power. Officials must determine where the ball contact was initiated in relation to the body and judge how long the player continued the action while in contact with the ball.

### **Scoring Best Practices**

The score crew is an integral part of the officiating team.

To facilitate a smooth match tempo, the scorer should:

- Arrive at the site no less than 20 minutes before match time.
- Complete the match information in the scorebook/scoresheet or an electronic scoring device.
- Accept the team rosters and team lineups.
- Record each team's lineup in a scorebook/scoresheet or an electronic scoring device.
- Secure each team's lineup sheet by placing them face down on the score table.
- Collaborate with the second referee to ensure that each team's lineup is correct on the second referee's lineup card and verify that the teams are in correct starting positions on the court prior to each set.
- The scorer should establish a routine with the assistant scorer who serves as a spotter and communicates the numbers of the incoming/outgoing substitutions and replacements.
- The assistant scorer tracks each libero replacement and each substitution.
- After the substitution information has been submitted, the scorer should indicate readiness to the second referee.
- For written scoring, alternate each full rotation/round of service (all six positions from each team have served) in a contrasting color of ink.
- If there are any scoring issues, notify the second referee.
- Communicate with the second referee during time-outs and between sets.

### **Host Management Best Practices**

Host management plays an important role in creating a positive, fun, and safe environment for the players, coaches, officials and spectators. The designated administrator on site should introduce themselves to the officials upon arrival at the facility and show them to their locker room(s). The same should be done for visiting teams as they arrive on site. Officials and coaches should be able to identify host management easily if a situation should arise.

- In addition to being present, host management should:

- Ensure that the facility is set up properly one hour before the match.
- Ensure that the net system is set up at the correct height and is padded.
- Ensure that the referee’s stand is safely secure and padded.
- Assist in ensuring teams do not enter the court from both sides and do not encircle the entire court.
- Be available throughout the match(es).
- Post signage for home/visitor and/or student section. Allow fans to stand, but not on the playing surface.
- Ensure that any unsporting conduct (comments intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others) by spectators is not tolerated. It needs to be immediately addressed.
- Collaborate with the officials to suspend play for fan issues, if necessary.

**2024-25 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. Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff, Publisher, NFHS Publications © 2024

**2024-25 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book Corrections:** Page 3, 2024-25 Volleyball Rules Changes – 4-2-3 NOTE (NEW), 7-1-1 NOTE - ...include a damaged uniform...

**2024-25 NFHS Volleyball PowerPoint Corrections:** Slide 11 Notes – Rationale: expands to include a damaged uniform... ; Slide 18 PlayPic - Team Substitutions: 1-18

**SITUATION 1:** Prior to the first set, the first referee directs all players to their respective end lines for pre-match announcements. Both teams send out their entire rosters. **RULING:** Legal. **COMMENT:** Unless state associations determine otherwise, teams may allow all rostered players to join the starting players on the end line for pre-match announcements. [5-4-3c(1)]

**SITUATION 2:** Prior to the first set, the first referee directs all players to their respective end lines for pre-match announcements. Team A sends out only its starting players and Team B sends out all its rostered players. **RULING:** Legal. **COMMENT:** Unless state associations determine otherwise, teams may choose to send out all their rostered players to participate in pre-match announcements or only their starting players. [5-4-3c(1)]

**SITUATION 3:** Prior to the first set, the first referee directs all players to their respective end lines for pre-match announcements. Both teams send out only their starting players. **RULING:** Legal. **COMMENT:** Unless state associations determine otherwise, teams may choose to send out only their starting players to participate in pre-match announcements. [5-4-3c(1)]

**2024-25 COMMENTS ON THE RULES**

<p><b>4-2-3 NOTE (NEW), 7-1-1 NOTE</b></p>	<p>A new NOTE has been added to Rule 4 Uniforms addressing when it is legal to change a player’s uniform number aligning the language with Rule 7 Roster and Lineup. This change also expands to include a damaged uniform as a legal reason for changing a uniform number. It is now legal for a player to change their jersey and uniform number without penalty if the uniform is damaged or has blood on it.</p>
<p><b>5-4-3c(1)</b></p>	<p>It is now permissible for a team to include all players on the roster, not just starting players, in the prematch announcements by allowing them to stand on their respective end lines prior to the first set. State associations and/or teams may continue to limit players on the endline to starting players and the libero. This change allows for the inclusion of all players but does not mandate inclusion.</p>
<p><b>5-9-2b NOTE (NEW), State Association Adoption Chart</b></p>	<p>Line judges are now required to switch sides of the court between sets to promote fair officiating when, by state association adoption, teams remain on the same benches throughout the match. When teams switch sides of the court between sets and the line judges remain in their position throughout the match, teams have the opportunity to alternate between line judges overseeing the lines. This change provides the same equitable opportunity regardless of state adoption.</p>
<p><b>11-4-1b</b></p>	<p>Teams may substitute during an injury time-out (even though a replay is called) for the libero replacement if the libero is injured or ill. This change allows for the immediate substitution of the libero replacement who may be playing out of position due to the injury to the libero. While a replay limits a team from substituting, when the replay is called due to an injury of the libero, a substitute is allowed for the libero replacement.</p>

**2024-25 UNIFORM RULES****RULE 4 Player Equipment and Uniform****SECTION 2 LEGAL UNIFORM**

**ART. 1 . . .** All uniforms shall adhere to the following:

- a. Uniform tops [with the exception of the libero (4-2-2)] shall be like-colored and uniform bottoms shall be like-colored;
- b. Uniforms shall be worn as the manufacturer intended;
- c. Uniforms shall be free of hard and unyielding items, (buttons, zippers, snaps, fasteners, etc.);
- 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;
- e. The school's name, nickname, logo, mascot and/or team member's name are permitted on the uniform top and/or bottom;
- 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;
- 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.
- h. Uniform top:
  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.
- i. Like-colored uniform bottom:
  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 and may extend below the uniform bottom.

**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 ¾ inch in width at its narrowest point) or the surrounding solid color(s) of trim (a contrasting border not to exceed ½ 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 ½ 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;
- 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. When a player wearing an illegal uniform attempt 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 the set until the illegal uniform is replaced or made legal.**

**2. When a player wearing an illegal uniform 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 must be removed until the uniform is replaced or immediately made legal. Following the administration of unnecessary delay, if the team has a time-out remaining, the player may remain in the set provided the illegal uniform is replaced or made legal during the time-out period.**

**3. When a team cannot begin the match with six players wearing legal uniforms, a loss of rally/point shall be rewarded to the opponent at the beginning of the match, and the state association shall be notified to determine further action of 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 2024-25 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book will be used with the following clarifications:*

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 17**. 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 17**, 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 8-9. 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, 1A – Ridgeview HS, 4555 SW Elkhorn Street, Redmond, OR 97756

### **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 26**. Each league determines how they will select their three allotted playoff spots.
  - 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at 10pm on **Saturday, October 26**.
  - 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 29**. 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 10pm on **Tuesday, October 29**.
  - 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 Thursday, October 24. 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 10pm on **Thursday, October 24.**
- 3) **Play-In Model** – **Eight** teams will qualify as Play-In teams based on the following criteria.
  - a) *Each league's #3 seed will qualify for the play-in contest (six teams). The next two highest ranked teams not already an automatic qualifier or the #3 team in a league will also qualify for the play-in contest (two teams).*
  - b) *Once the eight teams have been determined for the play-in contests, they will be placed into the four contests based on their OSAA Rankings.*
    - (1) *The four highest ranked teams will host a play-in contest.*
    - (2) *The four lowest ranked teams will be placed into the play-in contests based on mileage.*
    - (3) *The six OADA 4A League Reps will meet the morning after the rankings freeze to determine the match-ups.*
      - a. *League match-ups will be avoided similar to the first round of the OSAA playoffs when possible.*
      - b. *In determining the match-ups, the team with the furthest travel will be priority #1.*
      - c. *After the furthest travel match-up has been determined, the three remaining teams will be matched up based on distance of those schools with the three host schools to decrease the travel costs for the visiting schools.*
  - c) *The OADA 4A League Reps will communicate the match-ups to the qualifying schools and notify the OSAA so the contests can be posted on the OSAA playoff qualification page.*
  - d) Winners advance to the OSAA 16-team bracket.
- 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 26.** 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 10pm on **Saturday, October 26.**
- 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 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 29.** 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 10pm on **Tuesday, October 29.**
- 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 26**. Each league determines how they will select their three allotted playoff spots.
- 2) **Rankings Freeze Date** – The rankings will freeze at 10pm on **Saturday, October 26**.
- 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 2023)

- 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:** Suiing 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 K1 Gold; 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. **[LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES](#)**  
See OSAA Executive Board Policy “LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES” in the OSAA Handbook, revised Fall 2018.  
**[NFHS Position Statements & Guidelines](#)**
10. **[MORATORIUM WEEK](#)**  
See OSAA Executive Board Policy “MORATORIUM WEEK” in the OSAA Handbook, revised May 2014.
11. **[NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY](#)**  
See OSAA Executive Board Policy “NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY” in the OSAA Handbook, revised July 2019.  
**[\(Complaint Form\)](#)**
12. **[SHARED FACILITIES](#)**  
See OSAA Executive Board Policy “SHARED FACILITIES” in the OSAA Handbook, revised Fall 2015.  
**[\(Shared Facility Request\)](#)**
13. **[WITHDRAWAL DURING A COMPETITION](#)** *(OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies)*  
See OSAA Executive Board Policy “WITHDRAWAL DURING A COMPETITION” in the OSAA Handbook.