



ALL VOLLEYBALL CONTEST RULES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOLS RULES ASSOCIATION, NFHS. GROUND OR HOUSE RULES SHALL BE SET BY THE “HOST” SCHOOL AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DISTRICTS

- Districts will be formed for the purposes of fellowship, community outreach, and strengthening relationships through healthy competition between member schools.
- District schools shall be determined, based on the bi-annual alignments, and the number of “NEW” schools entering on a year-by-year basis.
- Districts shall consist of a minimum of 2 schools and not more than 5.
- The district chair shall meet with district schools in order to set and determine the price of District game admissions, select the designated game ball for district play, and offer their input on setting up games and selecting T★CAL approved officials in the area.
- District matches and above shall have at least 2 certified officials (See Referees page at t-cal.org for certification guidelines and approved associations).
- Final Rosters for district play and above will consist of a maximum of 12 players, and must be posted on the designated statistical database.
- District winners shall be determined by Head-to-Head competition, including 1 home game and 1 away game
- TIE –BREAKER: In the event of a tie between 2 district teams, after the last district game has been played and before the district certification deadline, (OPTION A) – A one game playoff will take place in order to decide a district champion and runner-up. (OPTION B) – If **NEITHER** team can play a game due to school functions or other, then a coin toss, by a neutral person, at a designated meeting place, will decide the places and seeding to advance to REGIONAL or STATE. **NOTE:** For those regions that have only 1 district, see regional playoff format below.
- PLAYOFF GAME SITE: If a location cannot be mutually agreed upon, then the Director of Athletics, sports chair and regional chair shall decide on a neutral location. Location shall be approximately midway between both schools to afford the lowest possible travel expenses.
- The director of athletics shall make arrangements for playoff games with the assistance of the sports chairs, region and district chairs.
- The district champion in each classification and runner-up shall advance to 1 of 5 regional tournaments or playoff games. Regional playoff games will take the place of regional tournaments in

some regions (See Regions below). The district chair shall certify the winners, and notify the state office by the certification deadline.

➤ **All-District teams** shall only be nominated if there are at least 2 districts in the region, otherwise they will be voted upon for the **All-Region teams** instead.

➤ (7) All-District players and (7) All-Region players shall be nominated annually and ranked 1-7. Players ranked in the top seven of the Region will be eligible for All State Nominations.

REGIONS

➤ Regions shall consist of 2 or more districts. If a region has only 1 district, the district champion and runner-up shall advance to the state playoffs.

➤ **TIE –BREAKER:** If a tie should occur after the last district game has been played and before the REGIONAL certification deadline, (OPTION A) – A one game playoff will take place in order to decide a REGIONAL champion and runner-up. (OPTION B) – If **NEITHER** team can play a game due to school functions or other, then a coin toss, by the sports chair or regional chair, at a designated meeting place, will decide the #1 and #2 seeds advancing to the state tournament.

➤ **PLAYOFF GAME SITE:** If a location cannot be mutually agreed upon, then the Director of Athletics, sports chair and regional chair shall decide on a neutral location. Location shall be approximately midway between both schools to afford the lowest possible travel expenses.

➤ Regional chairs shall meet with district schools, in the absence of a district chair (Regional or District chairs shall refer to outlined job descriptions in the by-laws). Regional meetings for FALL Sports will be held annually in **October** to decide the **All-Region** teams.

➤ **Regional Tournaments or Playoffs:** Shall take place on a year-by-year basis when there are a minimum of 4 teams (2 teams from at least 2 districts).

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- A. Regional tournaments shall be held the weekend preceding the state tournament.
- B. The teams on the top of the brackets are designated as the “Home” team.
- C. Regional and state tournaments can be either double or single elimination tournaments.
- D. All matches at the regional and state levels shall be the best 3 of 5 set, to 25 points.
- E. All matches will have a minimum of 2 certified officials through the UIL, TASO, or independent association pre-approved by T★CAL (See Referees page at t-cal.org for certification guidelines and approved associations).
- F. (1) Regional Champion, and runner-up, shall advance to the state tournament.
- G. The “Host” School for the regional tournament shall be decided upon at the summer coaches’ conference, and shall utilize the Event Expense Report located in the forms section at t-cal.org.
- H. Regional Chairs shall certify the winners, and notify the state office by the certification deadline.
- I. Total GROSS gate receipts (-) deducting listed and approved expenses, i.e. officials, scorers, etc. (=) Net Profit. From the proceeds, 80% will be retained by the “Host” School and 20% shall be mailed to the state office within 1 week following the tournament (Host school shall notify the state office if any deficits occur).

REGIONAL PLAYOFF FORMAT:

- A. **(Bi-district play)** Up to 3 teams advance from each district:
Higher seed has home court advantage,
(2 district schools)
District 1, team #2 vs. District 2, team #3

District 2, team #2 vs. District 1, team #3
District 1&2, team #1's vs. Winners from District 2&1

- B. The (2) winners will play to determine seed #1 and 2 from the Region and will both advance to the state tournament. If neither team can play before the regional certification deadline, then a coin toss, by a neutral person, at a designated place, will decide the #1 and #2 seeds advancing to the state tournament.**

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FORMAT:

- A.** In each of the three Classifications, the winners from the Regional Tournaments will be given the automatic #1 seeds.
- B.** The Regional Tournament runners-up will be granted #2 seed.
- C.** If any region has only one team, there is no reason to play a Regional Tournament and that team will automatically be recognized as the winner from that Region.
- D.** It may occur that some Regions may send more than 2 teams because of fewer teams in other regions (see 10.c. above).
- E.** The final eight teams in each classification will be paired according to a three-year rotating cycle.
- F.** The Rotating Cycle is as follows: In the first year (2012-13), Region 1 will be paired with Region 4, Region 2 with Region 3. In the second year (2013-14), Region 1 with Region 2, Region 3 with Region 4. In the third year (2014-15), Region 1 with Region 3, Region 2 with Region 4. The same Rotating Cycle will occur in all Classes.
- G.** These teams will all play an inherently single elimination tournament with the winners moving on until a Champion is determined.
- H.** A tournament fee, not to exceed \$250, will be paid by each qualifying team which qualifies for the State Tournament offset costs.

➤ All-State Nomination Process

- A.** When a regional team is selected for that year, only All-Region selections shall be eligible for All-State nominations.
- B.** If there is an All-Region player who's team did not make the state championships, his/her coach must send a nomination form by the regional certification deadline to the regional chair for inclusion in the All-State nomination process. NOTE: it is not guaranteed that the player will make the All-State team.
- C.** Each state tournament coach shall fill out the All-State nomination forms for each of his/her players, and bring them to the coaches meeting on Thursday of the state tournament.
- D.** All players must have statistics to support their nomination based on the designated statistical database (i.e. MaxPreps etc). Each nominee will be written on the board by the designated coach nominated meeting chair and scribe.
- E.** Objections to any selections must have just cause and be supported with documentation provided to the committee of coaches at the state tournament.
- F.** Each coach will have a turn to nominate his/her players as they see fit listing their player's stats from the designated stat database.
- G.** This will continue in order around the room until every coach has had a chance to nominate players.
- H.** After all players are on the board, coaches will vote in the top players for a total of:
 - (7) 1st Team All-State,
 - (7) 2nd Team All-State, and

(6) Honorable Mention players.

In each classification.

- I. All-State coaches shall be chosen by the Director of Athletics and the Basketball chair.