Idaho High School Activities Association

State Volleyball
Tournament Manual

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Welcome

Congratulations! The Idaho High School Activities Association welcomes your school to the 2026 State Volleyball Championships. This event that is the culmination of countless hours of dedicated training by 4000+ outstanding Idaho student-athletes and 173 member schools. We hope it will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participants. Thanks go to the tournament officials, coaches, participants, parents, fans, management and member schools who work diligently to make this year's tournament a successful event.

Good Luck to all Participants!

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Pre-Tournament School Responsibilities

Update Team Roster & Upload Team Photo on MaxPreps

- Go to MaxPreps.com and sign into your School Administrator Account
- On the left side of the page CLICK "**Manage Teams**"
- Locate appropriate sport and CLICK "**Manage**" - SELECT "**Varsity**"
- Select "**Login to Coach Admin**"
- At the top of the page, CLICK "**Roster**"
- Scroll down to the heading "**Manage Roster**" ~ Here there are several options for adding your team roster
  - ► Copy from Last Season
  - ► Import from a csv file
  - ► Manually Enter
- **Upload Team Picture** also appears under the "Manage Roster" heading
- Please be sure ***both*** roster and team picture have been submitted ***before exiting.***

Submit Roster and Sweatshirt order at www.idhsaa.org

- Under the "Schools" tab CLICK "**Rosters**"
- Log in with Username and Password used to update school directory
- Select appropriate activity
- Verify School Details – If changes are needed; CLICK "**Edit My School**" If correct; CLICK "**My School is Correct**"
- Add Assistant Coaches
- Complete and Verify Roster Form
- Submit Sweatshirt Order – The total number of shirts requested must be no more than the number of participants listed on the roster. *** To purchase additional sweatshirts, contact Ben at McU Sports ben@mcusports.com**
- SUBMIT FORM

Pre-Tournament Coaches Meetings – All Classifications

All participating schools must be represented at the pre-tournament meetings for coaches, administrators and officials. Important site details and tournament information will be reviewed. ***All times are local***

6A Coaches Meeting:	Coeur d'Alene HS - Library	Wednesday, October 28th 6:00 PM
5A Coaches Meeting:	Post Falls HS - Library	Wednesday, October 28th 6:00 PM
4A Coaches Meeting:	Lake City HS - Library	Wednesday, October 28th 6:00 PM
3A Coaches Meeting:	Lewiston HS - Clearwater Room 105	Wednesday, October 28th 6:00 PM
2A Coaches Meeting:	Madison HS-Gym Conference Room	Wednesday, October 28th 6:00 PM
1A Coaches Meeting:	Thunder Ridge HS - Lecture Hall	Wednesday, October 28th 6:00 PM

Tournament Sites/Managers

6A
Site: Coeur d'Alene High School
Manager: Tony Prka
Phone: (208) 667-4500
Tony.prka@cdaschools.org

5A
Site: Post Falls High School
Manager: Craig Christensen
Phone: (208) 773-0581
Craig.christensen@sd273.com

4A
Site: Lake City High School
Manager: Troy Anderson
Phone: (208) 769-0769
tanderson@cdaschools.org

3A
Site: Lewiston High School
Manager: Doug Henderson
Phone: (208) 748-3105
drhenderson@lewistonschools.net

2A
Site: Madison High School
Manager: Shayne Proctor
Phone: (208) 359-3305
proctors@msd321.com

1A
Site: Thunder Ridge High School
Manager: Travis Hobson
Phone: (208) 523-4739 x5604
hobsont@d93.k12.id.us

IHSAA Administrator: Mike Federico, Assistant Director (208) 375-7027 federicom@idhsaa.org

2026 Representation

6A

I	1
III	4
IV-V-VI	1.5
At-Large	3

5A

I-II	1
III	1.5
IV	2
V-VI	2
At-Large	3

4A

* I	1
III	2
IV	1
V	1
VI	1
At-Large	2

3A

I-II	1
III	1.5
IV	1
V	1
VI	1.5
At-Large	4

2A

I	1
II	1.5
III	1.5/.5
IV	1.5
V-VI	1
At-Large	2

1A

I	1
II	1
III	1
IV	1
V	1
VI	1
At-Large	4

Match Times

All times are Local Time

Thursday October 29
General Session

Match 1	1:00 p.m.
Match 2	3:00 p.m.
Match 3	5:00 p.m.
Match 4	7:00 p.m.

Friday October 30
General Session

Match 5	9:00 a.m.
Match 6	11:00 a.m.
Match 7	1:30 p.m.
Match 8	3:30 p.m.
Match 9	6:00 p.m.
Match 10	8:00 p.m.

Saturday October 31
Championship Session

Match 11	9:00 a.m.
Match 12	11:00 a.m.
Match 13	2:00 p.m.
Match 14	4:00 p.m.
Match No.	15* 6:00 p.m.

* If Necessary
* 2 out of 3, 25 points no cap
* Third and deciding set: 15 points no cap
* Win by 2 points

Admission – Public

Tickets must be purchased online or by using the GoFan app on your mobile device.

SEPARATE TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED FOR EACH DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT

GENERAL SESSION TICKETS – Thursday (ALL DAY)

General Admission	$ 12.00
Discount Ticket	$ 10.00

GENERAL SESSION TICKETS –Friday (ALL DAY)

General Admission	$ 12.00
Discount Ticket	$ 10.00

CHAMPIONSHIP SESSION TICKETS – Saturday (ALL DAY)

General Admission	$ 13.00
Discount Ticket	$ 11.00

***TOURNAMENT PASS – (ALL MATCHES)**

General Pass	$ 32.00
Discount Pass	$ 27.00

*Tournament Passes are subject to a service fee

Discount Tickets:

- Seniors 55 & older
- Students in grades 7-12 with an activity card
- Students in grades 1-6

*Children 5 & under admitted free

Tournament Information/Guidelines

Officials Assignment
All officials will be provided and assigned by the IHSAA. Each district will have an opportunity to provide officials for the state tournament.

Line Judges
Certified volleyball officials from the host district will be used as line judges whenever possible.

Official Scorer
The tournament management will provide official scorers. The IHSAA will provide official scorebooks, line-up sheets, and team roster sheets.

Official Volleyball
Baden Perfection VX5EC-220A (blue, grey and white) is the official ball of the IHSAA State Tournament.

Official Match and Scoring Rules
All Idaho state volleyball matches will be 3 out of 5 games and follow National Federation rules (1-4) for rally scoring. If Necessary, game: 2 out of 3, 25 points no cap. Third and deciding set: 15 points no cap, win by 2 points.

Protests
The IHSAA Board of Directors does not recognize protests of sports officials' decisions. Correction of errors is handled in accordance with NFHS rules.

Dressing Rooms
Dressing rooms will be assigned daily, but due to limited space, teams are encouraged to dress in their hotel rooms. Arrangements can be made to lock up valuables. Towels will not be furnished; teams should bring their own towels for use at the bench. Teams are responsible for picking up litter from the floor of the locker room. Facilities are not available for drying or storage.

Training Room / Towels
Training room facilities and a trainer will be available for special assistance or in case of an emergency. However, schools should plan to furnish their own tape and supplies. Towels will not be provided at the tournament.

Uniforms
Teams must wear uniforms that are consistent with school colors. (no promotional jerseys)

Number of Participants/Coaches/Support Personnel
At all play-in and state tournament games, varsity teams are limited to fifteen (15) students in uniform during warm-ups and at the start of the contest. Violation of this rule will result in the school being assessed a maximum fine for dressing more than the approved number of players at a state play-in or tournament game with forfeiture of the game if excess numbers play. All classifications will be allowed three coaches and three support personnel to be admitted without an IHSAA card or tournament pass. Any coaches or support personnel exceeding that number must have either an IHSAA card or purchase a tournament pass.

Pre-Tournament Practice
Each team will be allowed to practice once at a state tournament site during the week prior to the state tournament, providing arrangements can be made through the tournament manager. Practice balls will NOT be provided at the tournament sites. Contact your tournament manager for available practice times.

National Anthem
The National Anthem will be played Friday morning prior to Match 1 and on Saturday morning prior to Match 6 and prior to the championship match.

Home Team
The home team for all matches will be the highest ranked MaxPreps team.

Warm-up Between Matches & Match Protocols

Each tournament site has an area designated for team stretching prior to the start of the pre-match warm-up period. **Teams will be allowed on the playing court 30 minutes prior to the start of a match when time allows.** Warm-up for the first 10 minutes are limited to same side of court. The number of participants at any practice or warm-up shall be limited to the number of participants in uniform.

There will be a **maximum** of twenty minutes for pre-match warm-up between matches. The timer should start the clock 20 minutes prior to the start of the contest. The time schedule for the pre-match warm-up shall consist of the following 20-14-7:

1. 20-17 minutes: Teams can share court for warm-up time
2. 17-14 minutes: Coin flip to determine the serving and receiving teams. Pre-Match Conference will take place at the score table and should include the head coach, team captain and officials
3. 14-7 minutes: Visiting team (low seed) practices on the full court including net play and serving
4. 7-0 minutes: Home team (high seed) practices on the full court including net play and serving

The warm-up period may be limited to 15-12-6 at the discretion of the tournament manager due to schedule requirements. If this becomes necessary, the periods shall consist of:

1. 15-12 minutes: Coin flip to determine serving and receiving teams. Pre-Match Conference will take place at the score table and should include the head coach, team captain and officials.
2. 12-6 minutes: Visiting team practices on the full court including net play and serving
3. 6-0 minutes: Home team practices on the full court including net play and serving

Teams are prohibited from using the net for practice between games. The ball may not cross the net. The number of participants at any practice or warm-up shall be limited to the number of participants in uniform.

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, third, and fourth place teams. Medals will be awarded to members of the Champion and Runner-up teams. The presentation of awards will be as follows: Fourth place and third place trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of those matches. Second place and championship trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the championship game.

Programs

The composition, printing and selling of programs is the responsibility of the IHSAA. Each team will receive one complimentary souvenir program.

Tournament Broadcasting

Matches will be video streamed and broadcast on the NFHS Network

Souvenir Merchandise

State tournament souvenir merchandise will be sold at all tournament sites by McU Sports. Participant sweatshirts (donated by Dairy West) can be picked up at the tournament site.

Hospitality Room

Hospitality rooms will be available for coaches and officials.

Lost and Found

The lost and found will be located at the tournament manager's office.

All-Tournament Teams

The IHSAA is philosophically opposed to all-tournament team selections. It is the right of the Media to conduct polls and establish rankings. However, the IHSAA will not participate in such selections nor announce them at the tournament.

Sportsmanship

IHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP RULES

The following sportsmanship rules will be in effect at all IHSAA state play-offs and championship events:

1. Full and/or half face painting are not permitted - Partial face painting is permitted such as small markings on the cheeks, nose, or forehead. Covering the face or head with a mask, or anything that obscures identification, is not permitted. School mascots and halftime performers are excluded.
2. Posters/Banners/Signs - All signs must display only positive support for one's own team.
3. Artificial Noisemakers - Artificial noisemakers are prohibited.
4. Balloons -Balloons is not permitted at any IHSAA state play-off or championship event.
5. Attire - Bare chests are not permitted. Shirts must be worn.
6. Inappropriate Behavior - The following are not permitted:
    a. Throwing objects onto (or entering) the playing area before, during or after a contest.
    b. Verbal harassment or derogatory remarks directed toward an opponent or official.

CROWD CONTROL

Each school is responsible for the conduct of its students and adult fans. IHSAA rules require schools to provide close supervision at all contests and asks for support and cooperation of administrators in enforcing the following rules:

1. No one other than authorized individuals will be allowed on the floor or in restricted areas.
2. Persons who enter the floor or restricted areas will be removed from the premises for the remainder of the tournament.

PEP BANDS/CHEERLEADERS/STUDENT CHEERING SECTIONS

1. Seating - Student cheering sections, Pep Bands and Cheerleaders must use the assigned areas.

IHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP T-SHIRTS

At all first-round games of the state volleyball tournaments sportsmanship t-shirts are presented to an adult booster of each school who has consistently exhibited exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season.

SCHOOL WIDE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

A sportsmanship award is presented at the Volleyball State Tournament to the school in each classification that exhibits the best sportsmanship. Schools are judged before, during and after games throughout the tournament using the following criteria:

TEAM AND COACH

- ✓ Attitude displayed by players, coaches and bench personnel
- ✓ Respect for the flag, national anthem, opponents and officials

ADMINISTRATORS

- ✓ Appropriate and effective supervision of students

STUDENT SECTIONS (CHEERLEADERS, STUDENTS, PEP BANDS)

- ✓ Respect for the flag, national anthem, opponents, and officials
- ✓ Courtesy towards opponents and tournament management
- ✓ Choice and timing of chants, cheers and songs; crowd control
- ✓ Avoidance of unsportsmanlike behavior (listed below)

ADULT FANS

- ✓ Respect for the flag, national anthem, opponents, and officials
- ✓ Courtesy toward opponents and tournament management
- ✓ Avoidance of inappropriate behavior. (listed below)
- ✓ Following IHSAA State Tournament Sportsmanship Rules

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

- ✓ Displaying signs that are directed toward opponents, negative, vulgar, or display poor sportsmanship
- ✓ Throwing objects onto the playing area; creating distractions during introductions of opponents or while serving
- ✓ Derogatory/harassing remarks that are directed towards opponents or officials
- ✓ Pep bands starting a song when opposing band is already playing, or disregarding the "alternating play" etiquette rule

High School Media Credential Protocol

Members of the school media (school newspaper/yearbook) will be issued IHSAA tournament credentials by the school's Athletic Director and must comply with mainstream media guidelines.

Broadcasting/Web casting

Live video and audio broadcasting of IHSAA State events (full or condensed versions) is strictly prohibited and in direct violation of the IHSAA's agreement with the NFHS Network and Idaho Sports.com.
Broadcasting or streaming events declined by the NFHS Network and/or Idaho Sports.com must be approved by the Idaho High School Activities Association and each member school that is participating in this event.

IHSAA Webcast Partner: NFHS Network

Exclusive video broadcast rights of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events are contracted through the NFHS Network. Permission for cable operators, newspapers, radio stations, television stations, school broadcasting, private individual or Internet sites in relation to video broadcast of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events must be done by contacting NFHS Network. Credentials will not be granted to media not receiving clearance from the IHSAA through NFHS Network.

IHSAA Audio Webcast Partner: IdahoSports.com

Exclusive audio broadcast rights of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events are contracted through IdahoSports.com. Permission for cable operators, newspapers, radio stations, television stations, school broadcasting, private individual or Internet sites in relation to audio webcast of State Play-In and IHSAA sponsored State Tournament events must be done by contacting Paul Kingsbury at IdahoSports.com. Credentials will not be granted to media not receiving clearance from the IHSAA through IdahoSports.com.

Terrestrial radio broadcast requests need to be approved, prior to the start of the tournament, by submitting an IHSAA Radio Broadcast Contract. idhsaa.org