Required Rules
Meeting and Test
(Head Coaches - HS and MS/JH and all
Registered Officials)

1. Important Info For Rules
Meeting and Test
All online rules meetings and test require-
ments will be completed through a new
InfoWave application, either on a desktop
computer or a mobile device (new option
this year). Detailed instructions are included
in your test packet. PLEASE READ CARE-
FULLY.

2. Coaches Rules Meeting
Rules meeting available online only August
3 - August 27. Meeting requires interaction
by participant with information presented;
credit given once coach successfully com-
pletes the meeting. Please print certificate.

3. Officials Rules Meeting
15 face-to-face rules meetings across Kansas
from August 6 - August 27. Meeting begins at
7 p.m. Must complete and return attendance
file by end of each meeting. No online option this year for officials.

4. Rules Test
All head coaches and registered officials
must take NFHS "open book" volleyball
exam. Paper exam of 100 questions mailed
to schools/officials. Submit answers online
to 50 questions (random sampling). Exam
available August 3 - September 1.

   • Must score 90% or better on exam; below
   90% = school name in KSHSAA Journal,
   official not eligible for postseason assign-
   ment.

   • Exam answers not received by 9/1 = school
   pays KSHSAA $25, official on probation or
   suspension.

5. Rules Book
Coaches: order your rules book from the
KSHSAA ($7.00). See order form in test
packet.

School
Responsibilities

1. Solid-Colored Uniform Top
Required 2016-2017 season
As a reminder, the use of the solid-colored
uniform is required July 1, 2016. Who must
wear the solid-colored jersey?
1. The libero player may wear the solid-
   colored jersey and the color must be in
   contrast to the predominant color(s) to
   the team uniforms.
2. The team may be in the solid-colored
   jerseys that are in contrast to the predomi-
   nant color(s) to the libero's uniform top.
3. Both team and libero may be in solid-
   colored jerseys, but the libero's jersey must
   be in contrasting color to the teammates' 
   jersey.

2. Preparing To Host
   • All authorized officials secured by host
     school (5-1-1)
   • Training assistant officials (info online and
     in rules book, pages 24-27, 53-61)
   • Effective communication with all involved
   • Match set-up and equipment
   • Special pre- and post-match details
   • Preparations for guest teams
   • Additional event details, workers

NOTE: Hosting information available
online and in manual (back cover).

3. Adult Line Judges are
   Strongly Recommended for
   All HS Varsity Matches.
   • Schools must identify and train (see KSH-
     SAA online information).
   • The KSHSAA Executive Board strongly rec-
     ommends that schools provide line judges
     for volleyball matches at all levels.
   • See "Come On - It Isn't That Hard To
     Secure and Train Line Judges" at www.
     kshsaa.org >athletic>volleyball>other
     information>line judge information.

4. Supervision of All Matches
Important
See manual, pages 6 and 7.

5. KSHSAA Registered Officials
are Required
Please ask to see officials license for proof
of current year registration. Registered
officials for all non-varsity competition
recommended.

6. Reports to KSHSAA
Please report unusual situations/sports-
manship challenges to the KSHSAA (for
reports on officials, see Form S located online
at www.kshsaa.org). PLEASE NOTIFY
KSHSAA of positive and rewarding experi-
ences that take place.

7. KSHSAA Checklist
Please be reminded of the school checklist
inside the front cover of the manual.

8. Form VB-1 (Official
Recommendations) Due
October 7 -14
Recommendation of officials by participat-
ing schools is a very important part of of-
icials selection for postseason tournaments.
   • School administrator and coach work
     together to submit school recommenda-
     tions.
   • Recommendations submitted online
     (Form VB-1).
   • Submit recommendations (5-10) be-
     tween October 7-14.
   • Do not recommend an official "sight
     unseen."

FAILURE TO SUBMIT
FORM VB-1
WILL RESULT IN
A $25 FINE
TO MEMBER SCHOOLS
1. Participation Dates - 2015 Season
- Monday, August 17
  First day of practice (HS; MS/JH)
- Friday, August 28
  First day of competition (HS)
- Last Day of Competition (HS)
  The final date for school competition shall end on the date the state championship series or the date the school is eliminated from postseason competition.

2. Practices
There are no required number of practices for volleyball players or teams prior to their first contest.

3. Athlete Physicals
All high school and middle school athletes must have a KSHSAA physical examination/parental consent form completed and turned in before they are allowed to practice! The physical may not be taken/dated earlier than May 1, 2015.

4. Concussion/Head Injury Release Form
Based on Kansas law, any student participating in athletics or spirit MUST have on file with the school a Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form signed by both a parent/guardian and the student. This form must be on file before the student participates in their first practice of the school year.

5. KSHSAA Rule 43 - Match Scheduling
HS: No high school player or team may exceed 36 points for regular season play or play in more than 40 matches.
HS Season Schedule = 36 points
Dual (1 team, 1 match) = 1 pt.; Triangular (3 teams, 2 matches) = 2 pt.; Quadrangular (4 teams, 3 matches) = 3 pt.; Tournament (no more than 6 matches) = 5 pt.
NOTE: Team/player limited to 4 regular season tournaments
MS: No middle school player or team may exceed 30 points for the regular season or play in more than 34 matches.

6. Preseason Meetings
Coaches are encouraged to have preseason meetings with athletes and parents. Among a number of items to discuss are:
- School policies (attendance, transportation, lettering, substance abuse, etc.)
- Player expectations/team rules
- Sportsmanship/conduct
- KSHSAA rules/regulations (outside competition, etc.)
- NFHS playing rules/emphasize new ones
- Be pro-active by addressing piercing body parts, glitter/body paint, arm bands, tattoos, etc.

www.kshsaa.org
(athletic>volleyball>other information>offseason rules)
OFFSEASON RULES & REGULATIONS
Outside competition
Coaches in summer
Define school year/summer

7. Who Can Coach
Schools must employ all coaches/coaches aides by written agreement. Volunteers shall not coach with an exception provided for individuals who are certified staff employed by the member school district (see your administrator).

8. Scrimmages
Scrimmages with colleges prohibited (see manual, page 16).

9. Ejected Coaches and Players
Coaches and Player who are ejected from a contest (at all levels) will be required to complete the NFHS “Teaching & Modeling Behavior” course prior to coaching in their next event (next event is next regularly scheduled day of competition). Course fee is $20 and can be completed in one hour. School administrator responsible to provide KSHSAA with copy of course completion certificate. Recurring ejections result in repeating this online course. Officials must complete “unusual situation report” immediately after contest.

10. Teach the Game, Rules
Work with coaching staff on the rules of the game. Copy test, have them take it. Review announcement sheet content. Work with players on rules, protocol procedures. Share school expectations. #1 sportsmanship issue is coaches and players who don’t know the rules.

1. Area Supervisor Meetings
- Nine KSHSAA volleyball area supervisors, selected for knowledge of rules, officiating experience and geographical location.
- Primary role is to assist KSHSAA in disseminating information to officials, working toward uniformity of sport rules interpretation and application by all officials.
- Area supervisors conduct clinics and series 1 and series 2 meetings (see list/schedule on page 4 for meetings in your area of the state).
- 2015 Clinics are designed for officials with 0-5 years experience (see page 4).
- ALL 0-5 YEAR OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

2. Officiating Attire
NFHS Rule 5-2-1—Uniform:
  black slacks; KSHSAA all-white, short-sleeved, collared polo shirt; black shoes and socks
NFHS Rule 5-2-2—Equipment:
  whistle, red/yellow cards, line-up card, pencil, coin and a watch.
  Black shorts, wind pants and capri pants are not permitted, and black jeans are discouraged. White shoes and sandals are also inappropriate.

3. Match Contracts
- The Arbiter online assigning program will be used by most league commissioners. Officials will receive and accept contracts via email. Email reminders will be sent to officials prior to contest.
- An official’s word is their bond. If contracts are broken by schools or officials, please notify the KSHSAA.

4. Communication Important
- Give coaches information prior to the first match of the day (your name, town, match date, match opponents, level of competition, etc.)

5. Pre-Match Duties
- Arrive early/at least 30 minutes in advance of contest (inform school if going to be late)
- Meet with host manager, partner
- Specific duties (rules book, pages 19-24)
- Conduct pre-match conference (captains and head coach, at least 15 minutes before match)
6. Reports To KSHSAA
   Please report unusual situations; unsportsmanlike/disqualified players, coaches or fans; removal of player uniform.
   **PLEASE NOTIFY KSHSAA** regarding schools with untrained or absent assistant officials (scorekeepers, timers, libero trackers, line judges).

7. Postseason Assignments
   - Assignments based on schools' recommendations.
   - Priority and first consideration will be given to those who have met standards listed on page 21 of the Volleyball Manual for the 2015 season.

   **OFFICIALS:**
   Please make application with KSHSAA to work postseason tournaments (form online). **Due Date: Wednesday, October 1**

**Coaches & Officials**

1. Heat and Humidity
   **COACHES:** Please take proper precautions when practicing in non air-conditioned facilities. #1 challenge is water loss through perspiration. See Manual, page #.

   **NEVER RESTRICT THE AMOUNT OF WATER AN ATHLETE DRINKS, AND BE SURE THEY ARE DRINKING WATER!**

   **OFFICIALS:** Please address possible challenges with severe heat at the pre-match conference. Use good judgment in reference to a need for a water break.

2. Warm-Up Procedure
   Schools/leagues are to establish the warm-up procedure for all regular season matches. This is not the officials’ responsibility/decision. Timers are to assist in keeping teams on task.

3. End-of-Match Procedure
   When the R1 has confirmed that the match is completed, players and coaches will be directed to the net for post-match handshakes. Starting at right side (as players face the net) players will proceed single file to shake hands with the opponent.

4. Letters of Permission

5. Removal of Player Uniform (4-2-1e)
   Coaches must communicate to players that it is inappropriate to remove any part of the uniform while in the playing area.

6. Volleyballs
   White or color panel volleyballs may be used for competition. Ball must have NFHS authenticating mark (see Rule 3-2, page 14).

7. Pink Event Info
   *www.kshsaa.org>Volleyball>Other Information>Pink Event Guidelines*

8. No Flags
   Per NFHS Rule 5-9-4: Flags WILL NOT BE USED by line judges for making signals in competition. Line judges will continue to use the hand signals as outlined on page 61.

9. Rule 1-2 (25 Point Sets)
   All high school varsity matches will consist of 25 point sets (exception: 3 out of 5 set varsity dual match = 5th set to 15 points). Varsity matches not utilizing 25 points in the 3rd set of a 2 out of 3 set format = not completed matches; matches not counted for postseason seeding purposes.

10. Modifications at Sub-Varsity, MS Level
    - Set/Match length (shortened) by mutual agreement
    - Uniform (must be appropriate, variance in style, number placement allowed)
    - Boys playing (net height remains same).
    - Consider safety and displacement of girls. Schools should communicate.

11. Questionnaires, Reports
    **PLEASE** complete and return surveys received from the NFHS and/or KCA (KS Coaches Assoc.) and KVA (KS Volleyball Assoc.). Your input is valued and appreciated.

12. Ejected Coaches & Players
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13. Sportmanship/Conduct
   Good sportmanship and conduct are integral parts of the interscholastic volleyball program. The conduct of coaches is the single most important factor in crowd control.

   There is a card system for unsportsmanlike conduct violations. The yellow card is a warning to signal a “ZERO TOLERANCE” of a repeat behavior deemed unacceptable.

14. Recruiting New Officials
   Encourage former players, parents and those who officiate in other sports to register as a volleyball official. Interested individuals may register online at www.kshsaa.org>Officials.

   **www.kshsaa.org**
   athletic>volleyball>weekly newsletters
   **2015 KSHSAA VOLLEYBALL NEWSLETTER**
   Posted every Monday morning (August 31 - November 2)
   Contents=unusual situations, rules interpretations, reminders, etc.

**KSHSAA Tournament Facts**

1. Assignments
   There will be eight classifications in volleyball: 6A, 5A, 4A DI, 4A DII, 3A, 2A, 1A DI, 1A DII. Once KSHSAA classifications are set for the 2015-2016 school year (no later than October 1), sub-state assignments will be released at www.kshsaa.org.

2. All Postseason Tournaments
   May suit up no more than 12 players for competition.
   **Must follow required warm-up procedure (see manual, page 18).**
   **Team Records for Seeding and Seeding Criteria (see manual, page 22).**
   All tournament brackets posted at www.kshsaa.org when available.

3. Win/Loss Record Form
   **(VB-1)**
   **DUE TO KSHSAA OCTOBER 21.**
4. Sub-State Tournaments (All Classes)

Eight tournaments per classification.

- **Seeding**—Wednesday, October 21 at 10 a.m.
- **Competition**—Saturday, October 24 (1 p.m.-2 p.m. start) - ACT Date
- First-place advances to state play (see manual, page 24).

5. State Tournaments (All Classes)

Eight tournaments – Class 1A DI and 1A DII, Hays (FHSU); Class 2A and 3A, Emporia (White Auditorium); Class 4A DI and 4A DII, Salina (Bicentennial Ctr.); Class 5A and 6A, Topeka (Kansas Expocentre)

- Brackets posted Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m.
- Competition – Friday, October 30 and Saturday, November 1
- 2015 Rotation – 5A, 4A DI, 3A, 1A DI at 8:30 a.m. Friday; 6A, 4A DII, 2A, 1A DII at 3:30 p.m. Friday.
- Format – Pool Play Friday, top two teams per pool advance to Saturday (see manual, page 26)

6. State Programs

All schools qualifying for state competition must send KSHSAA team picture & VB-4 (squad list) by October 27

Souvenir State Programs - $4

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### Area Supervisors Schedule

**Meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted**

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### Important Dates to Remember

**Coaches:** (*Select Schools*)

- Aug. 6 - 27 – Online Rules Meeting
- Aug. 3 - Sept. 1 – Online Test
- Aug. 17 – First Day of Practice

**High School Dates:**

- Oct. 7 - 15 – Officials Recommendations (VB-1)
- Oct. 15 – Roster to SS Mgr. (VB-2)
- Oct. 21 – Win/Loss Form to KSHSAA (VB-3)
- Oct. 24 – Sub-State Tournaments
- Oct. 26 – State Roster and Picture to KSHSAA (VB-4)
- Oct. 30 – 31 State Tournaments

**Officials:**

- Aug. 6 - 27 – Face-to-face Rules Meeting
- Aug. 3 - Sept. 1 – Online Test
- Aug. 24 - Sept. 4 – Series 1 Area Supervisor Meetings
- Sept. 21 - Oct 2 – Series 2 Area Supervisor Meetings
- Oct. 1 – Postseason Application to KSHSAA

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### Volleyball Clinic

**All clinics will begin at 8 am**

**Sat., August 15**

- Clearwater
- Overland Park-Blue Valley North
- Salina-St. John’s Military

**Sat., August 22**

- Cimarron
- Clay Center-Clay Center Community
- Hoyt-Royal Valley
- Hutchinson (Activity Center)
- Iola
- Quinter

**Official KSHSAA Volleyball for all Postseason Tournaments**