

VOLLEYBALL

1. CLASSIFICATIONS:

The SHSAA will offer championship tournaments for boys and girls in the following categories:

- 1.1. Boys Volleyball: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A
- 1.2. Girls Volleyball: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A

2. RULES:

The current Volleyball Canada rules will apply with the following SHSAA amendments and special rulings. Volleyball Canada warm-up protocol related to safety of participants is to be used for all SHSAA sanctioned competitions.

- 2.1. A maximum of fifteen (15) players may be dressed for any match and these players must be recorded on the score sheet. All fifteen may take part in any set of any given match.
- 2.2. The maximum number of non-player personnel allowed on the bench is four.
- 2.3. Six players shall be on the floor to play at all times.
- 2.4. Each team is allowed to designate two liberos for each set of a match. Only one libero is allowed on the court at a time. Liberos are permitted to replace each other within a set.
- 2.5. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Each team shall be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in any one set.
 - 2.5.1. There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave or re-enter the set as long as the maximum number of 12 substitutions is adhered to and as long as they leave or re-enter for the same player.
 - 2.5.2. Once you have a designated partner, that is the only player you may leave or re-enter that set for (this may change between sets).
 - 2.5.3. These substitutions may occur at any point in the set.
 - 2.5.4. All other substitution rules must be followed.
- 2.6. In the case of an exceptional substitution, the Libero may be used for a roster of 7 players.
- 2.7. **RALLY SCORING** will be used for high school play. Matches will be a best of three with the third set played to 15. Teams will change sides at 8 points of the third set.
 - 2.7.1. A team must win by two points.
 - 2.7.2. There is no point cap.
 - 2.7.3. There is a coin toss prior to the third set to determine service and side, as this is a tiebreaker set.
- 2.8. **UNIFORMS:** All players must appear in similar uniform, clean and presentable, and of the same colour. Numbers must be worn on the front and back of the uniform, according to the rules.
- 2.9. For all interschool volleyball games, the on-court officials are instructed to penalize teams that change from their warm-up tops to their team uniforms at courtside by issuing a loss of serve and/or point to the offending team.
- 2.10. The Board of Directors will determine the official ball of the SHSAA playoffs based on the sponsorship agreements in place. Currently the official ball is the Mikasa VQ200W supplied by Just Volleyball.
- 2.11. **FACILITY:** Adequate floor space, according to the rules. A ceiling height of 20 feet minimum clearance is suggested.
- 2.12. **HEIGHT OF NET:** Boys – 2.43 metres; Girls – 2.24 metres.

3. PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS:

3.1. Conference Tournaments:

- 3.1.1. ALL TEAMS entered in volleyball in each classification 1A–4A will be distributed into one of three regions for classifications with 54 or less teams. For classifications of 55 teams or more, distribution of teams will be into four regions.
- 3.1.2. Regions with nine or more teams will be divided into conference tournaments as determined by the SHSAA office with two or more teams advancing from each conference tournament to the regional tournament. Regions with eight or fewer teams entered will advance directly to a regional playoff with no conference playoff conducted.
- 3.1.3. Conferences with 6 or more teams will play in a seeded conference tournament according to the conference draw template on the SHSAA website. Conferences with 5 or fewer teams will play a round-robin based on geography according to the conference draw template on the SHSAA website.

3.2. Regional Tournaments:

- 3.2.1. In the 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A categories, all teams entered in volleyball must qualify for the regional tournament by:
 - 3.2.1.1. winning the conference
 - 3.2.1.2. finishing second in the conference
 - 3.2.1.3. finishing third in a conference when only two conferences are in the region
- 3.2.2. Regional tournaments will be conducted in each of the above classifications for boys and girls.
- 3.2.3. All regional tournaments will be contested as a two-pool round robin tournament. The top two teams from each pool make the playoff round. In six-team regional tournaments, the pool assignment will be as follows:
 - Pool A - #1, #3, #6
 - Pool B - #2, #4, #5
- 3.2.4. All regional tournaments with 5 or fewer teams will play a round-robin based on geography according to the regional draw template on the SHSAA website.
- 3.2.5. The host locations for the Conference and Regional tournaments in each category will be posted on the SHSAA website.
- 3.2.6. In the 5A category there will be North Regional tournament, South Regional tournament, Saskatoon District championship and Regina District championship.
- 3.2.7. The North and South 5A Regional Tournaments, with 6 or more teams, will play in a seeded regional tournament according to the regional draw template on the SHSAA website. 5A regional tournaments with 5 or fewer teams will play a seeded round-robin according to the regional draw on the SHSAA website.
- 3.2.8. The make-up and location of the preceding tournaments will be the responsibility of the Provincial office.
- 3.2.9. In order to properly seed the regional tournaments, the SHSAA requires confirmation of season results from ALL TEAMS ENTERED IN VOLLEYBALL. Seeding forms are available on the SHSAA website.

3.3. Provincial Tournaments:

3.3.1. Provincial tournaments will consist of ten teams in all categories. The ten finalists in each division will be decided in the following manner:

3.3.1.1. The host team.

3.3.1.2. In 1A-4A classifications comprised of only three regions, the top three teams from each of the three regional tournaments will advance to the provincial championship.

3.3.1.3. In 1A-4A classifications comprised of four regions, the top two teams from each of the four regional tournaments will advance to the provincial championship. In addition, the third-place team from the region of the previous year's gold medalist will advance to the provincial championship.

3.3.1.4. In the 5A classification, the provincial championship will consist of ten teams. Districts will be assigned to the North or the South only for purposes of determining the number of provincial championship berths. (North: CV, NC, ST, WC, BW, NW, NE; South: QV, SC, RG, EC, HC, SW, SE). 5A Provincial Championship hosts alternate South Boys and South Girls in even years and North Boys and North Girls in odd years. In the event the assigned District does not have a 5A team, the open bid will be granted to a team from the same list (North or South). If a bid is not received from that list, the Championship will be open province-wide. The 5A representatives will be selected from North Rural, South Rural, Saskatoon District, and Regina District. When the 5A championship is in the South, then South Rural has 3 representatives, Regina District has 3 representatives, North Rural has 2 representatives, and Saskatoon District has 2 representatives. When the 5A championship is in the North, then South Rural has 2 representatives, Regina District has 2 representatives, North Rural has 3 representatives, and Saskatoon District has 3 representatives.

3.3.2. Tournaments will consist of two pools, round-robin play with the top four teams in each pool advancing to the quarter-final matches in a bracket draw single-elimination contests to determine the top four places.

3.3.3. The provincial tournament will be seeded and not use pre-determined pools.

3.3.3.1. The pool assignment will be as follows:

Pool A: #1, #3, #5, #7, #10

Pool B: #2, #4, #6, #8, #9

4. CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES:

4.1. Each match (in both round-robin preliminary and medal round) will consist of the best two of three sets.

4.2. Warm-up Procedure:

- 4.2.1. The warm-up period will consist of the following for the entire tournament:
 - Five minutes general warm-up with both teams on the court.
 - Five minutes for Team A at the net.
 - Five minutes for Team B at the net.

Using the gym clock to time each segment of the warm-up is recommended.

- 4.3. Placing at the end of the round-robin will be determined as follows:
 - 4.3.1. The first criterion is by matches won.
 - 4.3.2. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be applied, in order (VC rules):
 - 4.3.2.1. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
 - 4.3.2.2. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
 - 4.3.2.3. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;
 - 4.3.2.4. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering sets played between the tied teams will be ranked higher;
 - 4.3.2.5. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all sets played during the round, will be ranked higher;
 - 4.3.2.6. As determined by the Organizing Committee (e.g. extra game, toss of coin, etc.)

When you apply this rule to break a tie you should follow this sequence:

- 4.3.3. When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- 4.3.4. When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.
 - 4.3.4.1. This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y and Z and criteria 4.3.2.2. is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken. However, if criteria 4.3.2.2. determines X as first and there is still a tie between Y and Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria 4.3.2.3. and so on, if necessary. Do not start at criteria 4.3.2.1. again. Continue through the sequence of criteria using the results of teams X, Y and Z for criteria 4.3.2.4.
- 4.3.5. When two or more adjacent courts are being used, the matches must begin simultaneously to avoid warm-up interference with a match in progress.

5. DESIGNATION OF POOLS AND SCHEDULES:

The pools and schedules will be established annually by the SHSAA office and sent to commissioners prior to the tournament.

6. AWARDS:

6.1. In all categories at the Provincial championships:

First Place – Team trophy, keeper plaque, and 17 individual gold medals

Second Place – Keeper plaque and 17 individual silver medals

Third Place – Keeper plaque and 17 individual bronze medals

Fourth Place – Keeper plaque

6.2. In all categories at the Regional tournaments:

First Place – Keeper plaque and 17 individual gold medals

6.3. In all categories at the Conference tournaments:

First Place – 17 individual gold medals

7. PROVINCIAL HOSTING SITE ROTATIONS:

YEAR	1A BOYS	2A BOYS	3A BOYS	4A BOYS	5A BOYS
2025	Central Valley	West Central	Regina	North Central	North East
2026	Qu'Appelle	Horizon Central	South West	Battle West	South West
2027	South East	East Central	North West	Saskatoon	Saskatoon
2028	North East	Central Valley	West Central	Regina	South East
2029	South Central	Qu'Appelle	Horizon Central	South West	Battle West
2030	North Central	South East	East Central	North West	East Central
2031	Battle West	North East	Central Valley	West Central	West Central
2032	Saskatoon	South Central	Qu'Appelle	Horizon Central	Horizon Central
2033	Regina	North Central	South East	East Central	North West
2034	South West	Battle West	North East	Central Valley	Regina
2035	North West	Saskatoon	South Central	Qu'Appelle	Central Valley
2036	West Central	Regina	North Central	South East	South Central
2037	Horizon Central	South West	Battle West	North East	North Central
2038	East Central	North West	Saskatoon	South Central	Qu'Appelle

YEAR	1A GIRLS	2A GIRLS	3A GIRLS	4A GIRLS	5A GIRLS
2025	Qu'Appelle	Horizon Central	South West	Battle West	North West
2026	South East	East Central	North West	Saskatoon	South Central
2027	North East	Central Valley	West Central	Regina	Battle West
2028	South Central	Qu'Appelle	Horizon Central	South West	East Central
2029	North Central	South East	East Central	North West	West Central
2030	Battle West	North East	Central Valley	West Central	Horizon Central
2031	Saskatoon	South Central	Qu'Appelle	Horizon Central	North East
2032	Regina	North Central	South East	East Central	Regina
2033	South West	Battle West	North East	Central Valley	North Central
2034	North West	Saskatoon	South Central	Qu'Appelle	South West
2035	West Central	Regina	North Central	South East	Saskatoon
2036	Horizon Central	South West	Battle West	North East	Qu'Appelle
2037	East Central	North West	Saskatoon	South Central	Central Valley
2038	Central Valley	West Central	Regina	North Central	South East

8. TEN TEAM ROUND ROBIN – 2 POOLS – 2 COURTS

DATE	TIME	POOL	GYM #1	POOL	GYM #2
Day 1	10:00am		Coaches Meeting		
	10:45am		Opening Ceremonies		
	12:00pm	B	1 vs. 3	A	1 vs. 3
	1:00pm	B	2 vs. 4	A	2 vs. 4
	2:00pm	B	1 vs. 5	A	1 vs. 5
	3:00pm	B	3 vs. 4	A	3 vs. 4
	4:00pm	B	2 vs. 5	A	2 vs. 5
	5:00pm	B	1 vs. 4	A	1 vs. 4
Day 2	6:00pm	B	2 vs. 3	A	2 vs. 3
	9:00am	A	4 vs. 5	B	4 vs. 5
	10:00am	A	1 vs. 2	B	1 vs. 2
	11:00am	A	3 vs. 5	B	3 vs. 5
	12:30pm		QF #1		QF #3
	1:30pm		QF #2		QF #4
	3:00pm		SF #1 (Game #5)		SF #2 (Game #6)
	4:30pm		BRONZE MEDAL MATCH		
	5:30pm		GOLD MEDAL MATCH		

8.1. In the 5A provincial championship schedule:

- 8.1.1. Friday matches are scheduled for 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm.
- 8.1.2. Saturday matches are scheduled for 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:45pm, 1:45pm, 3:15pm, 4:45pm, 5:45pm.

9. PLAYOFF GRID

